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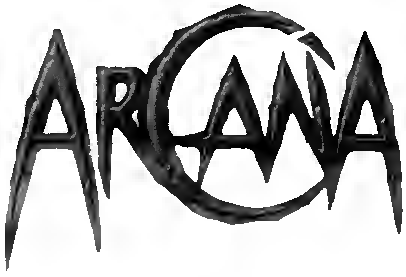

THE JOURNEY THUS FAR...

In their journey to Eloam, Inez and Yulan face many obstacles and adversaries. Among them is Lord Minos, who desires Inez in a most unsavory manner. After barely escaping his advances, Inez and Yulan continue to Eloan with the aide of the Pheonix, a mystical creature capable of flying them over the Valley of Dagda. Upon reaching Eloam, Yulan and Inez are separated after Yulan declares that he can't accompany Inez until she fully "awakens." As Inez searches for him, she stumbles upon an unconscious Kyrette, who has followed them to Eloam.

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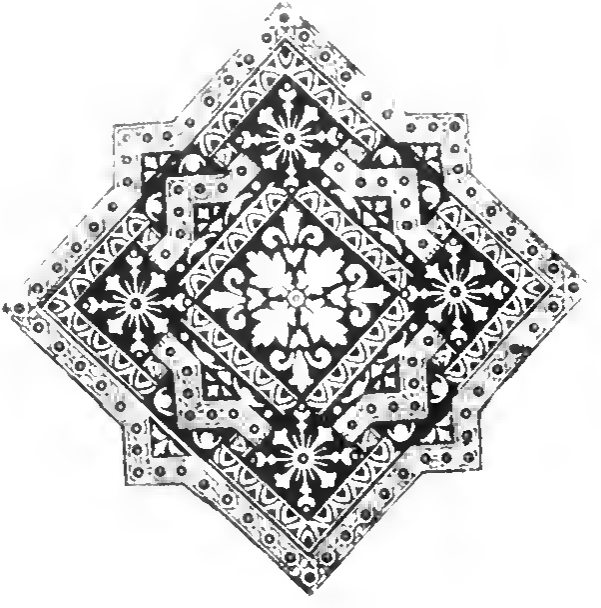

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THIS CONTRACT WILL RENEW EVERY ONE HUNDRED YEARS
YOU AND I WITH YULAN AS WITNESS. AS LONG AS THE CONTRACT REMAINS UNCHANGED.. IT WILL NOT BE BROKEN
AS LONG AS THE SELECTOR'S HEART DOES NOT CHANGE...

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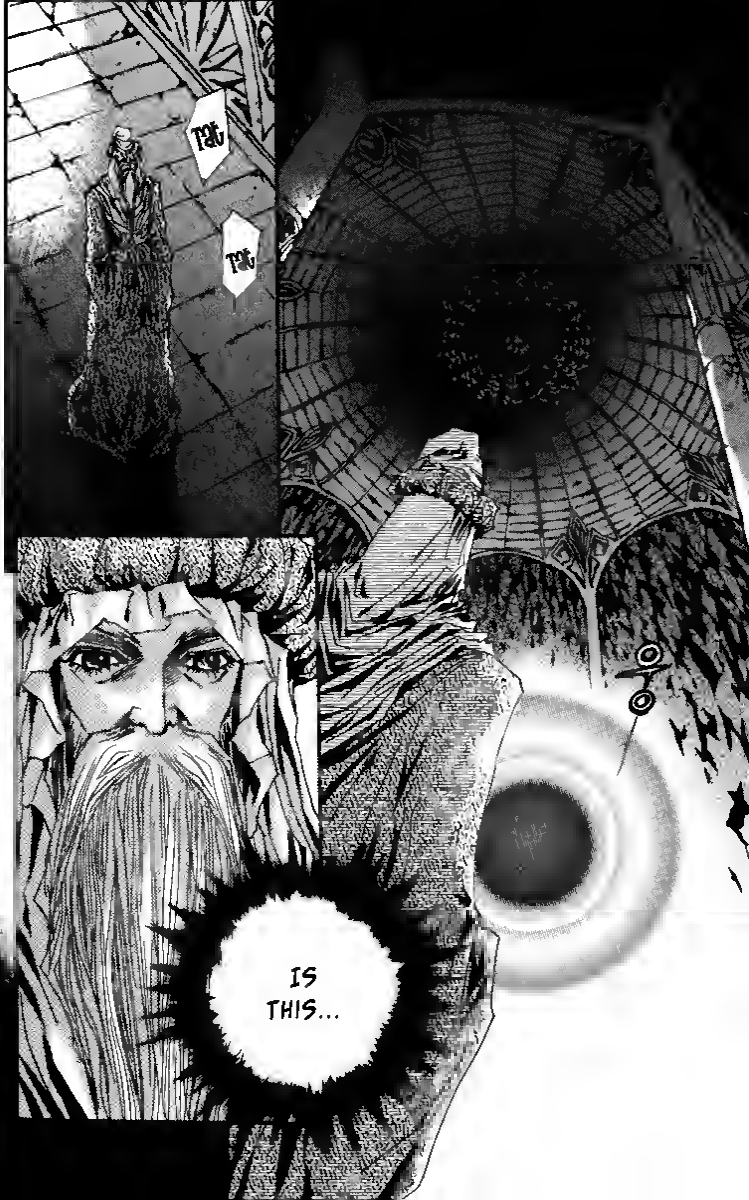
TAP
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IS
THIS...

SO, IS THIS IT? THE REASON WHY THE SNOW STOPPED SO ABRUPTLY, AFTER A MONTH OF ENDLESS SNOWFALL!
NOT ALL OF THE PREDECESSOR DRAGONS' POWER HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO ESSENCE.
HOW CAN IT BE...?
COULD IT BE THAT THE SEALING OF INEZ'S CONSCIOUSNESS CAUSED THE DRAGON'S POWER TO DISPERSE?
WHATEVER THE REASON, THE DRAGON'S TRANSFORMATION WILL BE A DIFFICULT TASK IN ITS CURRENT STATE.

I CANNOT UNDERSTAND.
I CANNOT READ HER MIND AT ALL.
EVERYTHING HAS GONE WRONG ON THIS TRIP.
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
BEGINNING WITH THE SEAL, EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED DIFFERS FROM THE PAST.
THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE. THE STRUCTURE WE HAVE PROTECTED FOR SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS IS CRUMBLING.

HOW WILL IT AFFECT THIS COUNTRY...?
LADY PREIA, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

OH... I FOUND HIM UNCONSCIOUS ON MY WAY BACK FROM PICKING TEA LEAVES
I KNOW I'M SUPPOSED TO REPORT AN OUTSIDER RIGHT AWAY, BUT HE WAS RUNNING A HIGH FEVER.
I WAS GOING TO LET YOU KNOW AFTER HE WOKE UP.

I WILL BRING YOU POPLAR TREE LEAVES MAKE TEA OUT OF THEM AND GIVE IT TO THE CHILD
LADY FREIA?
OH! YES... LADY FREIA
RIGHT NOW, THE CHILD CAN'T WITHSTAND THE FORCE OF THIS REALM. THAT'S WHY HE HAS A HIGH FEVER
POPLAR LEAVES WILL ALTER HIS BODY TO ADJUST TO THIS PLACE.
WHEW, WHAT LUCK I THOUGHT I WOULD GET INTO BIG TROUBLE, BUT LADY FREIA IS SO NICE
AND... UNTIL HE RECOVERS, I HOPE YOU WILL NOT SAY ANYTHING TO LORD SEIDE.

BY THE WAY, WHY DID LADY FREIA CALL THIS MAN A CHILD?
HE LOOKS ALL GROWN UP TO ME—HAH.
HE DOES RESEMBLE A KID WHEN HE'S ASLEEP
THIS MAN...
I'M DYING TO SEE HIM WHEN HE OPENS HIS EYES...

THANK YOU...
YOU'LL BE FINE NOW. LADY FREIA'S MEDICINE ALWAYS WORKS.
I HAVE A REALLY GOOD EYE FOR PEOPLE. FOR SOME REASON ALTHOUGH YOU'RE AN OUTSIDER, YOU SEEM LIKE A GOOD PERSON.
THAT'S PROBABLY WHY LADY FREIA HELPED YOU.

EH? WHAT IS THAT...?
THIS WON'T WORK! THE ENERGY EMANATING FROM ELOAM IS FATAL TO HER!

LUCKILY WE'VE ALREADY PASSED OVER THE MOUNTAIN RANGE. SO WE SHOULD START MOVING ON OUR OWN
IF YOU FOLLOW THE RIVER UPSTREAM YOU WILL REACH THE CENTER OF ELOAM
ELOAM DOES NOT WELCOME OUTSIDERS ESPECIALLY CREATURES OF THE DARK LIKE US!
SHE HAS REACHED HER LIMITS. HOLD MY HAND, LORD KYRETTE!

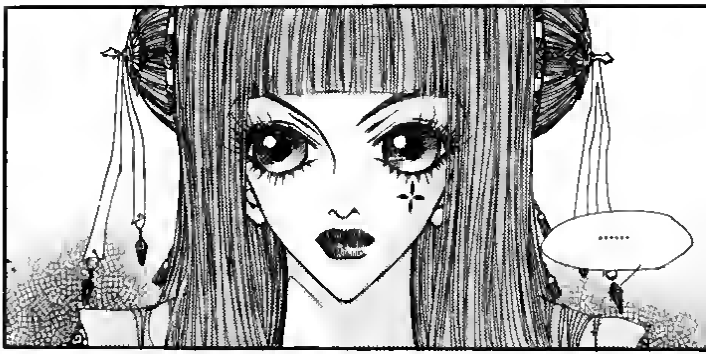
EH

GOOD LUCK, LORD KYRETTE!
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU THERE.
AS I FELL INTO THE DEEP WATER, I REMEMBERED A SCENE FROM THE PAST.

RACHEL...
THE DARK
BOY SHE
WAS WITH...
THE ONE... WITH
BLACK WINGS...

HE'S RUNNING A HIGH FEVER, JUST LIKE YULAN. HE'S NOT WAKING UP, AND HIS FEVER IS NOT GOING DOWN.
HOW...DID HE GET HERE?
AFTER WE WERE SEPARATED IN THE LAND OF DESPAIR, HIS SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE CONFUSED ME.
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE HIM AGAIN HERE.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, KYRETTE ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE NEEDED TO REACH THE LAND OF ELVES. DID HE MEAN ELOAM?
REALLY... HE'S VERY PUZZLING.
ALL I KNOW IS HIS NAME, KYRETTE. HE'S HELPED ME MANY TIMES SINCE SUARE, BUT I ACTUALLY KNOW NOTHING ABOUT HIM.
YULAN... WHERE DID YOU GO? I HOPE YOU'RE NOT UNCONSCIOUS LIKE KYRETTE SOMEWHERE.
I HOPE NOTHING HAS HAPPENED TO YOU, YULAN...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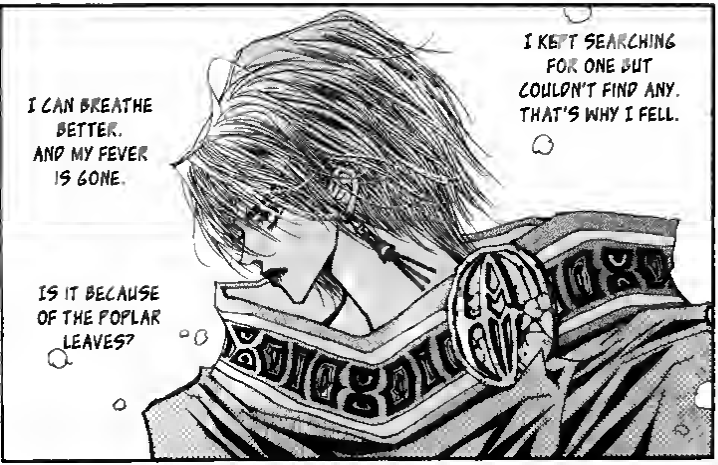
N-NO WAY HOW DID IT HAPPEN?
I ONLY WENT OUT FOR A SECOND TO GET AN EXTRA TOWEL— NO, THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING

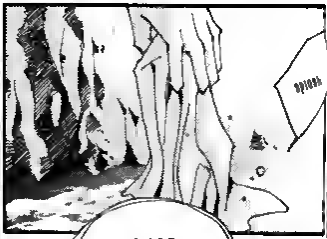
I STILL HAVEN'T SEEN YOUR EYES—!!
COME BACK!!


I KEPT SEARCHING FOR ONE BUT COULDN'T FIND ANY. THAT'S WHY I FELL.
I CAN BREATHE BETTER. AND MY FEVER IS GONE.
IS IT BECAUSE OF THE POPLAR LEAVES?

PLEASE... I HOPE MY MEMORY FROM LONG AGO IS STILL CORRECT.
THAT THIS FOREST HASN'T CHANGED.

KAFF
KAFF

WATER
OH!


WATER...

OH NO! HIS BODY FEELS EVEN HOTTER.
A WET TOWEL ISN'T GOING TO WORK. IF I LEAVE HIM LIKE THIS...

HOLD ON, KYRETTE. I'M WETTING THE TOWEL.

KOP
KOP
NO... THE TOWEL CAN ONLY WET HIS LIPS...
KOP

WATER
HOLD ON, KYRETTE. I'M WETTING THE TOWEL.
.....

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WHAT WAS THAT? IT SOUNDED LIKE YULAN'S WEAPON.
.....
RRRUMBLE
KYRETTE, JUST HOLD ON! I KNOW YOU'RE THIRSTY, BUT IT'LL BE JUST A WHILE.
I NEED TO SEARCH AROUND HERE AGAIN.

DON'T LIKE YOU...
I DON'T LIKE YOU...
I REALLY DON'T LIKE YOU
IT WAS LIKE THAT FROM THE BEGINNING
FROM THE BEGINNING...

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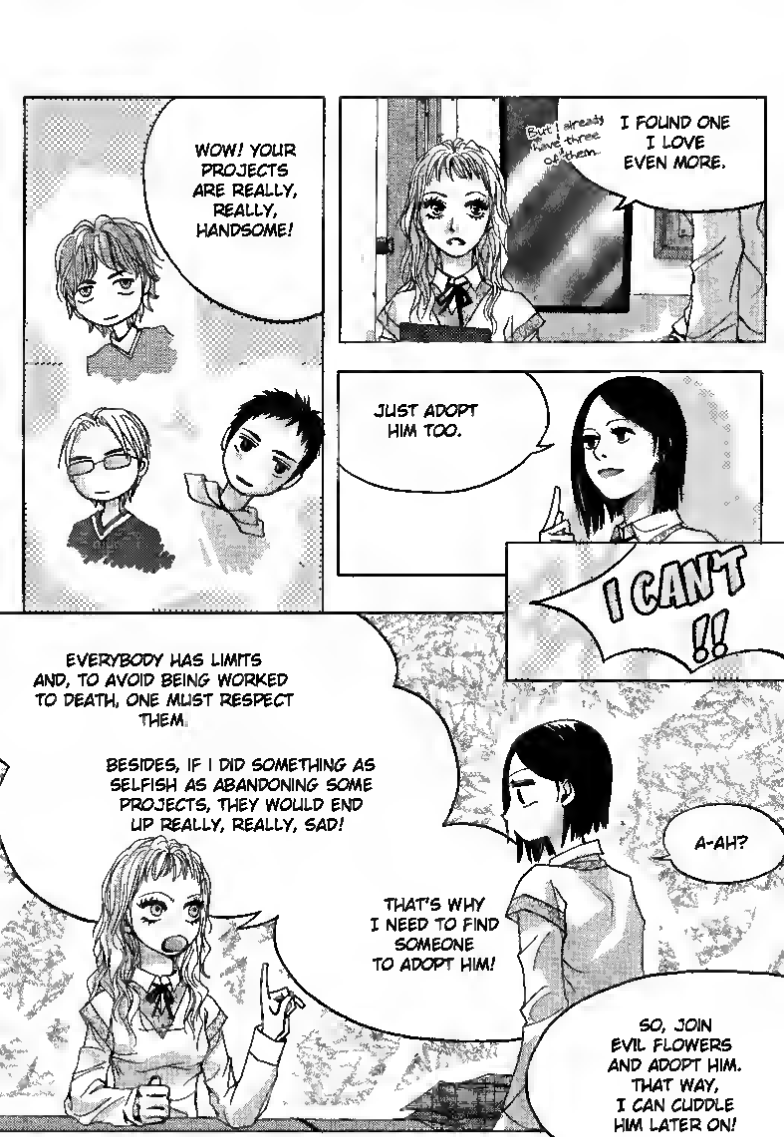
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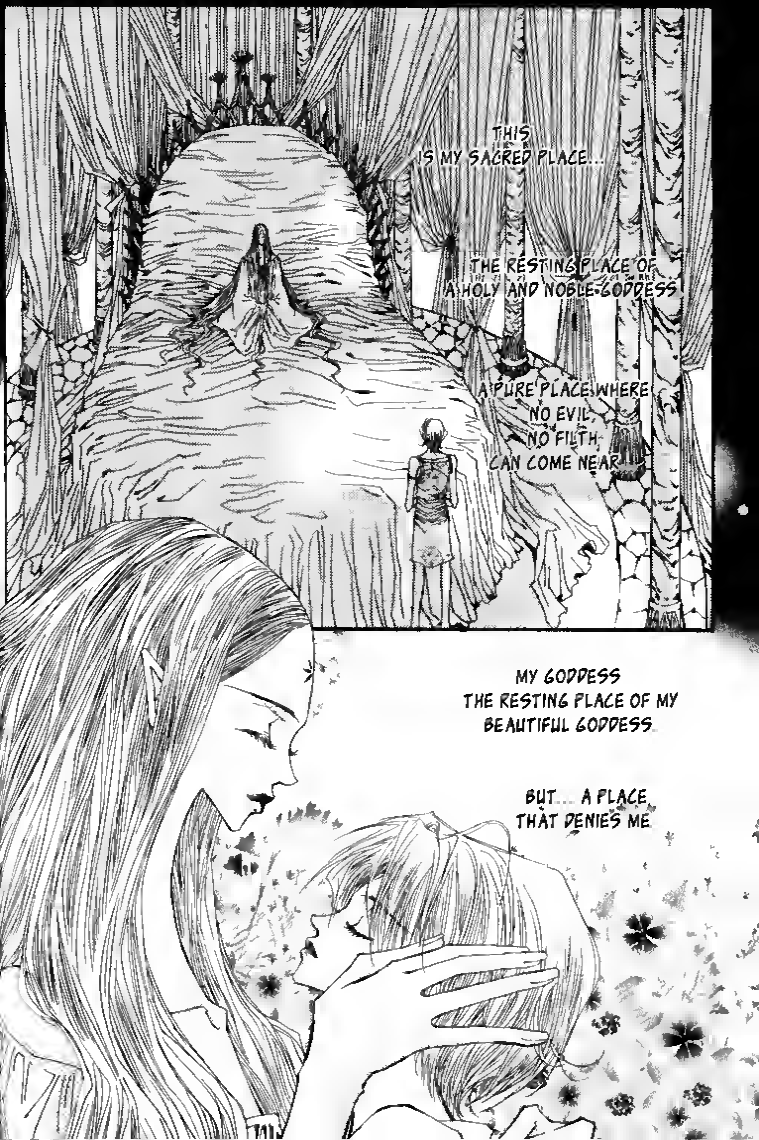
SSS
IF YOU GAVE ME THOSE PRETTY FLOWERS YOURSELF, IT WOULD MAKE ME EVEN HAPPIER
WON'T YOU DO THAT FOR ME, YULAN?


THIS
IS MY SACRED PLACE...
THE RESTING PLACE OF
A HOLY AND NOBLE GODDESS
A PURE PLACE WHERE
NO EVIL,
NO FILTH,
CAN COME NEAR!!
MY GODDESS
THE RESTING PLACE OF MY
BEAUTIFUL GODDESS
BUT... A PLACE
THAT DENIES ME

LORD SEIDE...
WAS IT BECAUSE OF THIS CHILD? THE REASON YOU LEFT ELOAM FOR THIS PALE COUNTRYSIDE THIS PLACE WILL ONLY MAKE YOU ILL
I CAME TO TAKE YOU BACK. LET'S GO BACK TO ELOAM

TO AN ELF THAT HAS LOST ITS PURITY LIKE YOU, THE AIR HERE WILL ONLY BE POISON.
THIS IS MY SACRED PLACE. THE RESTING PLACE OF MY GODDESS
AND ALSO MY GODDESS'...
YULAN, THIS IS ALL I CAN GIVE YOU.
WOULD YOU KEEP IT CLOSE TO YOU
...EVERLASTING SANCTUARY...

.....
.....
LORD SEIDE
WE CAN'T STAY HERE
ANY LONGER
THE ELDERS HAVE ORDERED
YOU TO COME BACK TO
ELOAM AS SOON AS...
THAT... CHILD.
GET THE CHILD
RIGHT NOW.

NOW THAT THE GODDESS IS NO LONGER HERE, THERE IS NO SACRED PLACE.
A HOLY PLACE CAN'T EXIST WITHOUT A GODDESS...
AT LEAST FOR ME...
UNTIL I TELL YOU OTHERWISE, LOCK HIM IN THE DUNGEONS AND DON'T GIVE HIM A SINGLE DROP OF WATER.
HE MUST PAY FOR HOW HE LIVED, FOR FORGETTING HIS PLACE AND HIS STATUS.
HE MUST UNDERSTAND CLEARLY HOW LOW AND IGNOBLE HE IS

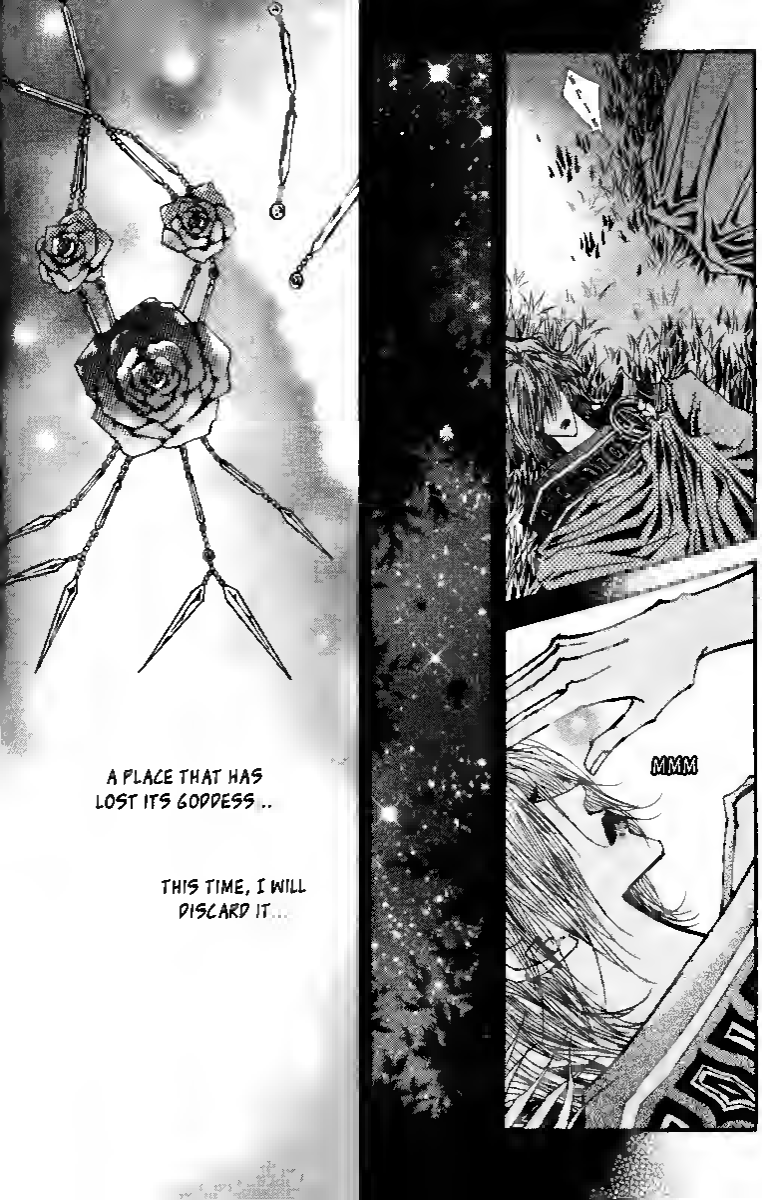
IT'S ALREADY BEEN A MONTH HE HASN'T HAD A SINGLE DROP OF WATER I DIDN'T KNOW LORD SEIDE COULD BE THAT CRUEL...
IN SOME WAYS, IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE
WHO COULD CALMLY ACCEPT HIS BELOVED'S DEATH?
HE CAN'T LOOK FAVORABLY UPON THE CHILD THAT CAUSED HER TO LOSE THE PURITY OF AN ELF.
IT'S A MIRACLE THAT HE'S SURVIVED THIS FAR, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG HE'LL LAST...

STILL... ALIVE?
YES ACCORDING TO THE LETTERS FROM EAST GARDEN, FOOD AND WATER WAS FORBIDDEN AS YOU HAD ORDERED BUT
THEY ASK FOR YOUR GUIDANCE IN WHAT TO DO WITH THE CHILD
HA..WHAT A SURPRISE EVEN A PURE ELF WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND IT
WHAT KIND OF MONSTER..
HAVE YOU CREATED?

HERE'S WATER. DRINK
MY NAME IS RON. FORGET ABOUT ASKING ME STUPID QUESTIONS LIKE HOW I GOT HERE
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT MAKING A DEAL WITH ME?
MY INSTINCTS TELL ME THAT YOU'RE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER SLAVES. I WILL GET YOU OUT OF HERE ON ONE CONDITION
YOU LET ME COLLECT SOME OF YOUR INEXHAUSTIBLE LIFE ENERGY.

THE GRAVE OF THAT FEMALE ELF THAT DIED LAST YEAR SO THIS IS THE PLACE YOU HAD TO COME?
...IT'S NOT HERE...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT WHAT'S NOT HERE?
SHE'S NO LONGER HERE!

A HOLY PLACE CAN'T EXIST WITHOUT A GODDESS...
THIS... IS NO LONGER A SACRED PLACE
SO IT DOES NOT EXIST...
...FOR ME...


A PLACE THAT HAS
LOST ITS GODDESS ..
THIS TIME, I WILL
DISCARD IT...
MMM

YOU HAVE ALREADY PASSED THE STAGE OF BEING TREATABLE WITH POPLAR LEAVES
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, YULAN

IT . LOOKS LIKE A NECKLACE BUT IT'S TOO BIG FOR A WOMAN..
AND TOO GIRLY FOR A MAN WHAT IS IT? WHY WAS HE CARRYING IT AROUND?
차랑
HENH GOOD THING I GOT THIS NECKLACE, AT LEAST HOW DARE HE DISAPPEAR WITHOUT A WORD! HE REALLY HAS NO MANNERS
부부부!
LOOK, IF YOU WANT THIS BACK, YOU'D BETTER COME BACK RIGHT NOW
끌끌락
TING
HUH?!

I WILL TAKE THE CHILD FOR NOW.
AND I WILL HAVE A RICHLY SCENTED TEA READY FOR YOU WHEN YOU COME BACK.
SO WE MEET AGAIN IT WAS MEANT TO HAPPEN SOMEDAY, BUT...

NOW THAT I SEE YOU, IT SEEMS YOUR DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.
YOUR HEART... IS DEEP AND BITTER LIKE THE SCENT OF A DARK BREWED TEA.
YOUR DECISION WILL CAUSE GREAT SACRIFICE FOR EVERYONE THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION
FOR YOU, FOR ME, AND FOR ALL OF THEM

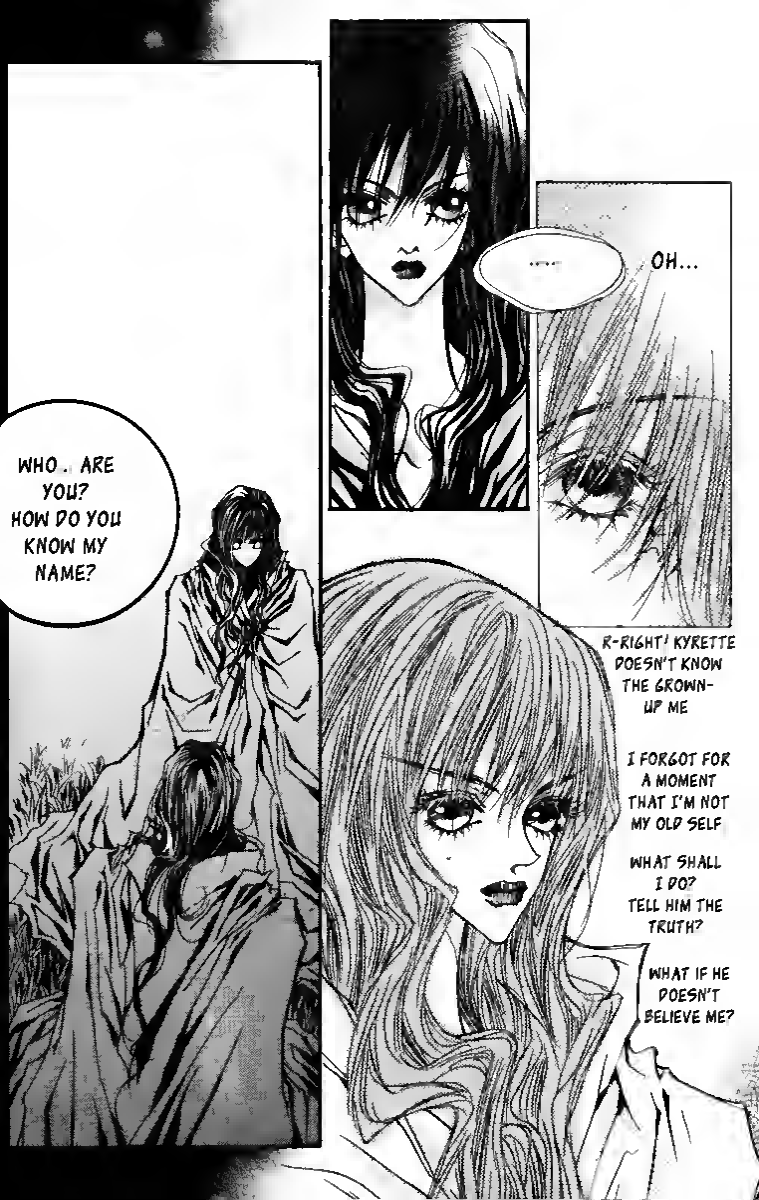
WE WILL HAVE A LONG TALK AT THE PAVILION I WILL AWAIT YOUR ARRIVAL

...YU...LAN.
RIGHT! I WAS LOOKING FOR YULAN!!
THAT PERSON LOOKED LIKE YULAN. THAT MEANS—!

HE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED?!
.....
IS HE TRYING TO MAKE YULAN HIS SLAVE. .?
I THOUGHT ELOAM'S ELVES WERE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER ELVES
THAT BLUE-HAIRED ELF HAS KIDNAPPED YULAN?!
WHY YULAN?!
ELVES DON'T LIKE YULAN.
WHERE HAVE YOU TAKEN YULAN?!
YOU JUST WAIT, YULAN. I'LL SAVE YOU SOMEHOW!
JUST BE SAFE—

THE FEVER HAS GONE DOWN, AND MY BODY FEELS MUCH BETTER
I FELT LIKE THE ENERGY OF THE FOREST WAS PRESSING DOWN ON ME, BUT NOW IT SEEMS TO HAVE CLEARED
A PIECE OF CLOTH THEN WAS SOMEONE ELSE HERE BESIDES ME...?
YOU'RE UP!

I WAS WORRIED BECAUSE YOUR FEVER WOULDN'T GO DOWN.
THAT LEAF REALLY WORKS. ♡
ACTUALLY, I'M NOT SURE WHAT THAT LEAF IS, BUT I FELT THAT IT COULD HELP YOU.
ANYWAY, I'M GLAD YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE, KYRETTE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OH...
WHO.. ARE YOU? HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
R-RIGHT! KYRETTE DOESN'T KNOW THE GROWN-UP ME
I FORGOT FOR A MOMENT THAT I'M NOT MY OLD SELF
WHAT SHALL I DO? TELL HIM THE TRUTH?
WHAT IF HE DOESN'T BELIEVE ME?

OH YOU WERE TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP AND SAID YOUR NAME IS KYRETTE.
KYRETTE, KYRETTE, YOU SAID
.....
AND YOU ARE?
OH! MY NAME...
MY NAME IS...
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E...
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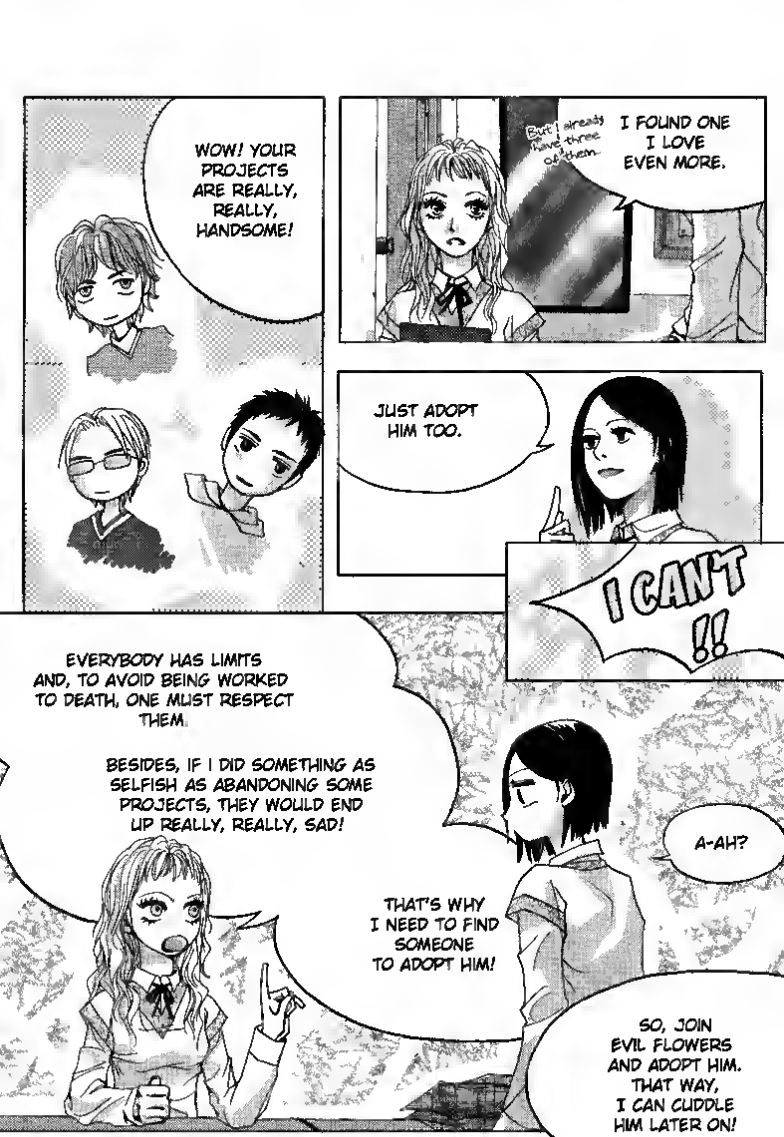
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COME ON, LET'S GO IT'S A THOUSAND TIMES SCARIER THAN WE THOUGHT
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT THIS IS THE FORBIDDEN LAND? THEY SAY THE DRAGON SLEEPS HERE
AND THEY SAY THE DRAGON'S FAVORITE SNACK IS CHILDREN LIKE US.
HA, THAT'S STUPID.
DO YOU THINK A HUGE DRAGON WOULD FEEL FULL FROM EATING KIDS LIKE US? HE WON'T CARE AT ALL.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! IF YOU WANT TO GO BACK, GO. I'LL GO BY MYSELF

HEY! E... ENRIL!!
ENRIL!
THAT FOOL'S REALLY GETTING HERSELF IN TROUBLE SHE'S GOT SOME NERVE
THUMP
THUMP
I'M IN, BUT MY OWN FOOTSTEPS ARE MAKING ME MORE NERVOUS
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
!

THUMP
W-WHAT'S THIS? MY HEART'S POUNDING THEN...
THUMP
THE THUMPING NOISE IS MY HEART BEATING, NOT MY FOOTSTEPS?
NO... NO WAY. IT'S NOT TRUE. NOT TRUE.
I, ENRIL, THE BRAVEST PERSON IN THE WHOLE VILLAGE...
...CAN'T BE TREMBLING IN A CAVE FULL OF STUPID BLUFF!
WHAT DRAGON?! WHAT WOULD A DRAGON BE DOING IN A SMALL VILLAGE LIKE OURS?
LET'S GO—!!
SINCE I'M HERE, I'LL REVEAL THE SECRET OF THIS PLACE AND ONCE AGAIN PROVE HOW BRAVE I AM!

Ahhh!
Ahhh?
Let's go!
...WHAT A FOOLISH PERSON
I WILL PLAY WITH YOU, CHILD.

W...WHAT'S THIS SCENE?
I WAS IN THE DRAGON'S CAVE JUST A SECOND AGO...
BUT HERE'S MY VILLAGE!!

ENRIL! I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU ALL OVER THE PLACE. WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT TORCH!
I ASKED YOU TO HELP ME GET WATER FROM THE WELL TODAY...
LUNA?
COME QUICK!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING!? STOP RIGHT THERE!
IT'S A LIE. IT'S ALL ILLUSIONS!
THE VILLAGE, AND EVEN LUNA.
IT'S THE DRAGON'S TRICK–
BOOM

W-WHO ARE YOU?
EN...RIL.
THAT'S MY NAME. HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
I, TOO, AM ENRIL... I'M...

I'M YOUR FUTURE.

GASP
GASP
WHAT IS THIS... PAIN? I WAS ONLY TRYING TO LOOK AT THE CHILD'S FUTURE.
WHY AM I FEELING PAIN? THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE
GASP
WHAT'S THE CAUSE?
COULD IT MEAN... THAT THE CHILD'S FUTURE IS LINKED WITH MINE?
ENRIL... WITH A HUMAN CHILD NAMED ENRIL...?

WAKE UP.
ENRIL.
ENRIL!
EN...RIL?
OH, SORRY, I DOZED OFF A BIT. TOO MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED HERE— I WAS FEELING TIRED.
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU'RE SWEATING.
RIGHT, THAT'S MY NAME RIGHT NOW. ONLY IN FRONT OF KYRETTE.

SWEAT? HA HA I JUST NEED TO WIPE UP A BIT.
DRIP
DRIP
WHY, WHY'S HE STARING AT ME? DID HE FIND OUT?
NO, HOW COULD HE KNOW I'M INEZ?
BUT HE KEEPS GIVING ME THAT WEIRD LOOK.
DID I DO SOMETHING? IT'S DISTURBING.

YOU'RE HEADING TOWARDS ELOAM?
OH! YES I NEED TO FIND SOMEONE
BUT I DON'T KNOW THE WAY AND I GOT LOST
I DON'T KNOW THE AREA WELL EITHER, BUT WE CAN'T JUST WANDER AROUND. LET'S FOLLOW THE RIVER UPSTREAM.

삐요-
삐요오

GOOD! HE SAYS HE'LL SHOW US THE WAY TO ELOAM

CRKK
CRKK
MINA.
와락
THE COLOR AND THE SCENT OF YOUR FLOWERS IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN MINE YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?
WILL YOU TELL ME YOUR SECRET INGREDIENT?
KYA— SURPRISE, LADY PREIA!!

AND PLEASE, NO MORE TALK ABOUT PUTTING IN YOUR LOVE AND CARE—
PIUUUU
PIUUUU
AHH, WHY'S MY HAND ACHING? I MUST HAVE HELD YOU TOO TIGHT~
MINA... THAT RING.
OH NO, OH NO, YOU FOUND OUT I WAS TRYING NOT TO BRAG
ISN'T IT SO PRETTY? THAT MAN FORGOT TO TAKE IT WITH HIM.
SINCE HE DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A WORD, I'LL TAKE IT AS HIS SHOW OF GRATITUDE.

IT WAS ORIGINALLY INSIDE A ROSE CASE
WHEN I WAS PLAYING WITH IT, I FOUND THE RING INSIDE
WHAT DO YOU THINK, LADY FREIA? IT'S A LITTLE LOOSE, BUT DOESN'T IT LOOK PRETTY ON MY FINGER?
GIVE IT BACK TO HIM
GIVE IT BACK TO THE CHILD, MINA

YOU...
...SHOULD HAVE DIED THEN
IF YOU HAD, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE
TO LIVE THE REST OF YOUR LIFE
TRAPPED IN AGONY AND DARKNESS
I'M SORRY

I REGRET KEEPING YOU ALIVE.
I HELPED HIM ESCAPE EAST GARDEN LIKE YOU ASKED
ONLY HIS DESTINY KNOWS WHERE HE'S HEADED
I'M SURPRISED WEREN'T YOU TRYING TO KILL HIM, SEIDE? ALTHOUGH HE S A LOWLY SLAVE. YOU MUST HAVE WAVERED BECAUSE HE WAS THE CHILD OF THE WOMAN YOU LOVED
A SLAVE...
I M SURPRISED AT YOU FOR WANTING THE BLOOD OF A LOWLY BEING RON
IT DOESN T BEFIT YOUR FAME AS COLLECTOR OF ONLY THE FINEST.

WE BOTH KNOW, SEIDE.
HE CAN'T TRULY BE OF LOWLY ORIGIN.
HE'S ACTUALLY ABOVE YOU PURE ELVES.
ELVES HAVE IMPRISONED HIS DESTINY BY MAKING HIM A SLAVE, BUT ..
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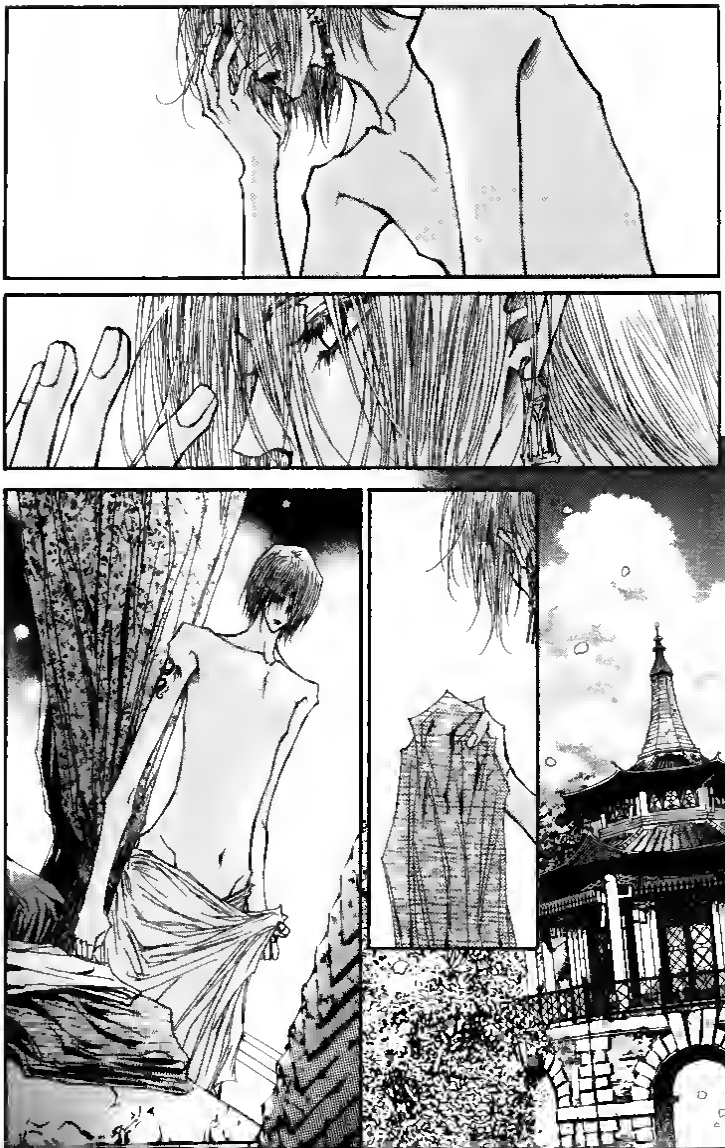

SIT.
SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS IS NOT A LONG TIME FOR US BUT IT MAY BE LONG ENOUGH FOR OUR MISUNDERSTANDING AND HATRED TO FADE.
FORGIVE ME I COULDN'T PROTECT YOU TILL THE END.

BECAUSE I HAD SOMETHING MORE PRECIOUS THAN YOU, I COULDN'T PROTECT YOU.
YOU, THAT SHE LOVED YOU THAT SHE ASKED ME TO PROTECT BUT I HAD GIVEN UP ON YOU
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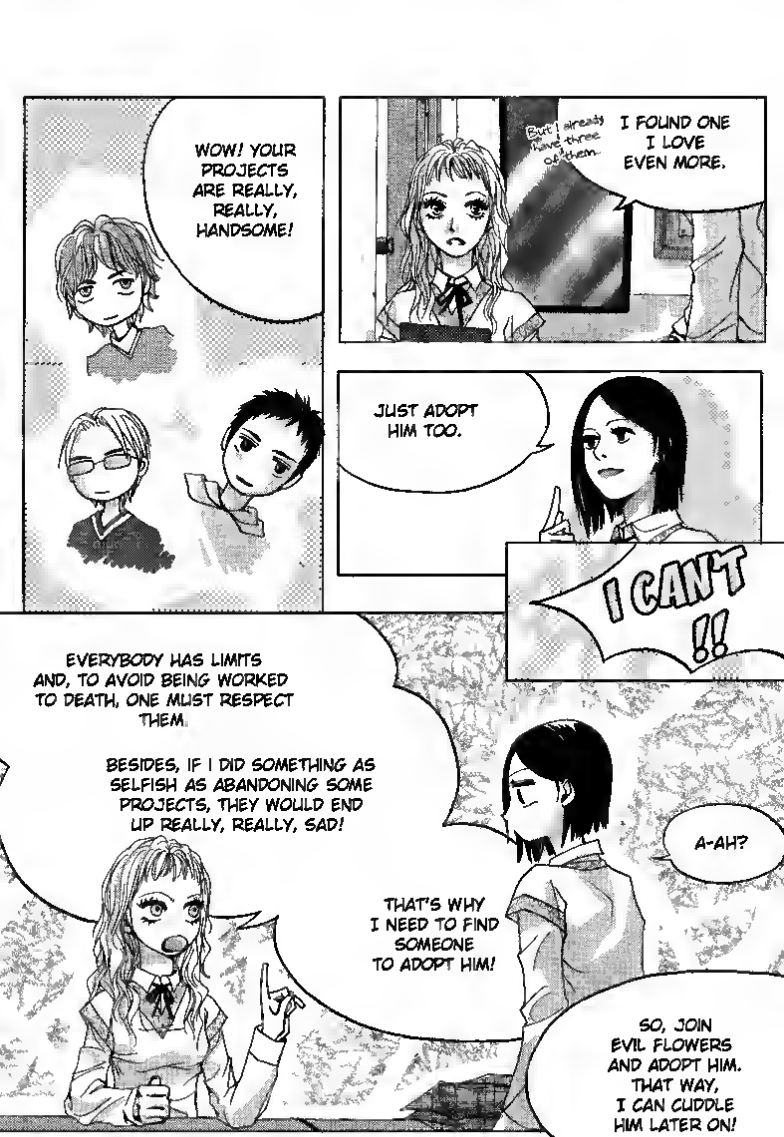
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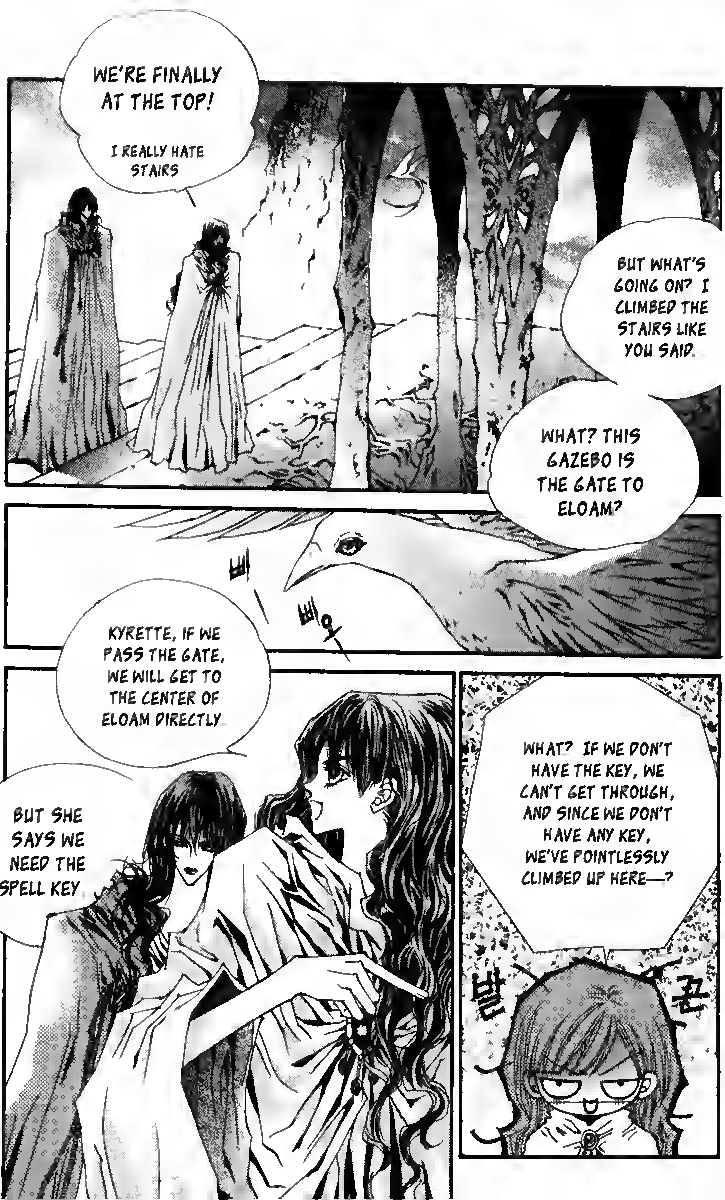
WE'RE FINALLY AT THE TOP!
I REALLY HATE STAIRS
BUT WHAT'S GOING ON? I CLIMBED THE STAIRS LIKE YOU SAID.
WHAT? THIS GAZEBO IS THE GATE TO ELOAM?
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KYRETTE, IF WE PASS THE GATE, WE WILL GET TO THE CENTER OF ELOAM DIRECTLY
BUT SHE SAYS WE NEED THE SPELL KEY
WHAT? IF WE DON'T HAVE THE KEY, WE CAN'T GET THROUGH, AND SINCE WE DON'T HAVE ANY KEY, WE'VE POINTLESSLY CLIMBED UP HERE—?
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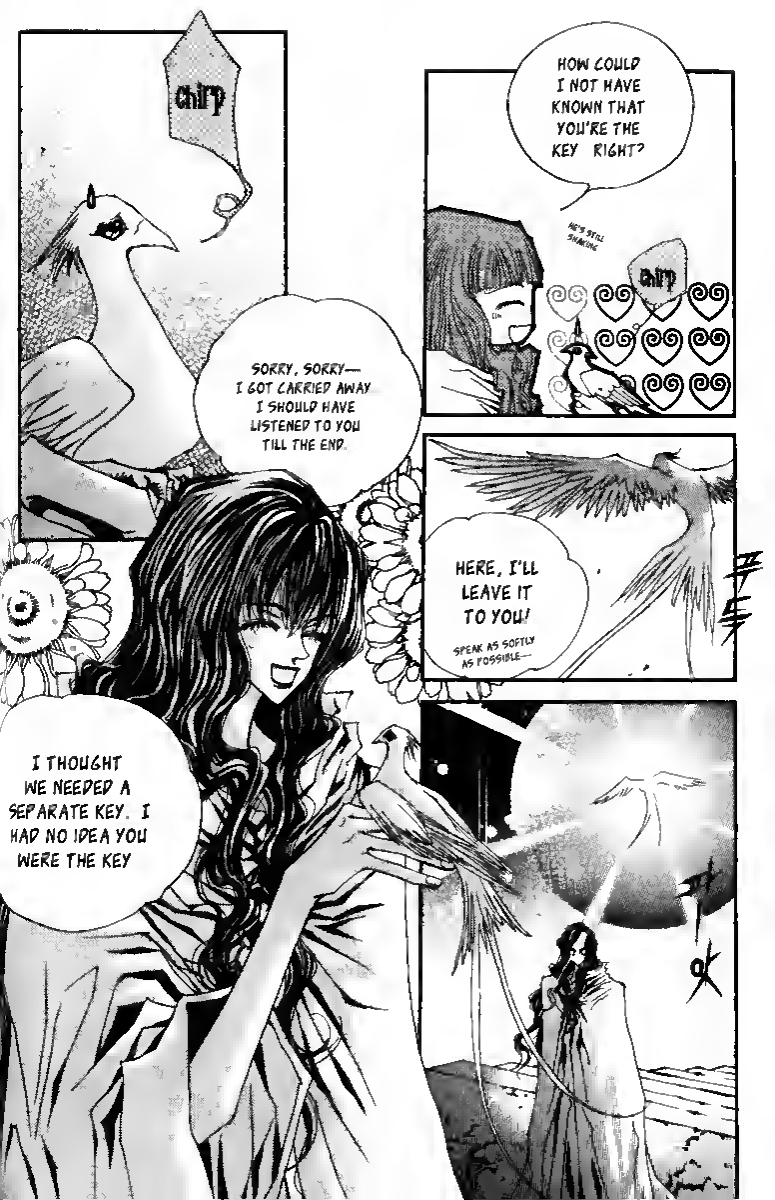
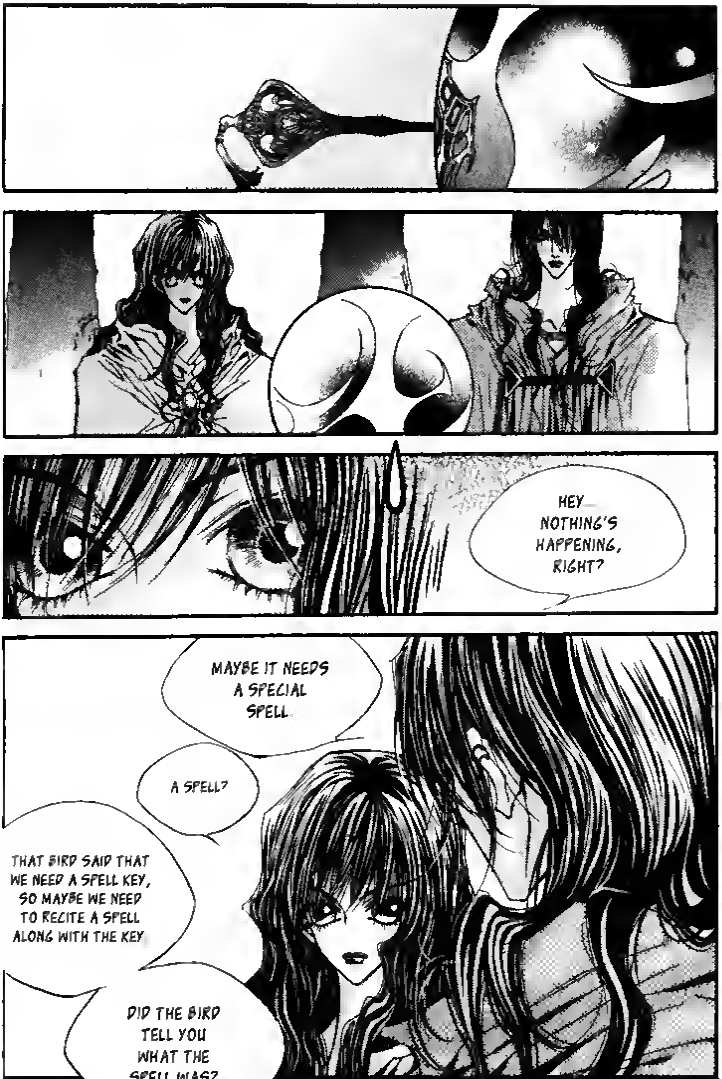
I WON'T LET THINGS GO EASILY JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE CUTE!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ENRIL—
DON'T...?
PRETTY BIRD— COME HERE REALLY QUICK LET ME PET YOU ♡
I KNOW YOU DIDN'T DELIBERATELY MAKE US CLIMB UP FOR NOTHING—
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING! COME BACK HERE!
YOU DARE PLAY TRICKS ON ME? YOU THINK I CAN'T CATCH YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE WINGS?

W-WAIT! WHAT DID I JUST SAY? SUDDENLY LASHING OUT AT A BIRD THAT WAS HELPING US. HOW COULD I GET SO ANGRY?
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? I DON'T FEEL LIKE MYSELF. I AM HOT-TEMPERED. BUT...
I NEVER GET ANGRY AT ANIMALS. COULD IT BE BECAUSE OF MY SUDDEN GROWTH?
GROWTH INDUCED BY MAGIC WILL REVERT TO ITS ORIGINAL FORM IN TIME. BUT I CAN'T FEEL ANY TRANSFORMATION!
EVEN MY PERSONALITY IS CHANGING.
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHERE DID IT GO WRONG?


chirp
SORRY, SORRY— I GOT CARRIED AWAY. I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO YOU TILL THE END.
I THOUGHT WE NEEDED A SEPARATE KEY. I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE THE KEY
HOW COULD I NOT HAVE KNOWN THAT YOU'RE THE KEY. RIGHT?
HE'S STILL SMOKING
chirp
HERE, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU!
SPEAK AS SOFTLY AS POSSIBLE—
FLY
OK

HE NEVER TOLD ME
HE REALLY WAS MAD AT ME !
TRY TO FIT IT IN HERE. I SEE THE EMBLEM OF A BIRD
THE BIRD... TURNED INTO A KEY!
BUT HOW DO WE USE IT .?


HEY... NOTHING'S HAPPENING, RIGHT?
MAYBE IT NEEDS A SPECIAL SPELL.
A SPELL?
THAT BIRD SAID THAT WE NEED A SPELL KEY, SO MAYBE WE NEED TO RECITE A SPELL ALONG WITH THE KEY.
DID THE BIRD TELL YOU WHAT THE SPELL WAS?

THE BIRD WAS REALLY UPSET!
NO... I DON'T KNOW ANY SPELLS. HE DIDN'T SAY
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
TAP
WHAT THE— IF YOU WERE GOING TO TELL ME, YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME EVERYTHING!
ARE YOU PLAYING WITH ME? TRANSFORM BACK INTO A BIRD!
I WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE LOVE YOU DESERVE!
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OH.

Flip
THIS IS DRIVING ME NUTS! I'M BEING WEIRD AGAIN. WHAT AM I GOING TO DO!
HA HA. YOU KNOW, I GET RILED UP VERY EASILY.
IT'S DRIVING ME NUTS—

W-WHAT! DON'T TELL ME GETTING MAD IS PART OF THE SPELL?
WELL, IT'S GOOD THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING HAPPENING, BUT...

AHHH...
IT'S TOO EARLY IN THE MORNING...
AIEEE!
P... PRINCESS?

HA, YOU'RE JUST IMPOSSIBLE.
SIGH
MY LEGS ARE WOBBLY-I'M IN SHOCK. I'M GOING TO HAVE A HEART ATTACK SOMEDAY BECAUSE OF YOU.
THEN GO AHEAD AND DIE.
DON'T SAY WHAT YOU DON'T MEAN. IF I DIE, YOU'LL DIE WITH ME.
HA, YOU'LL DIE OF BOREDOM.

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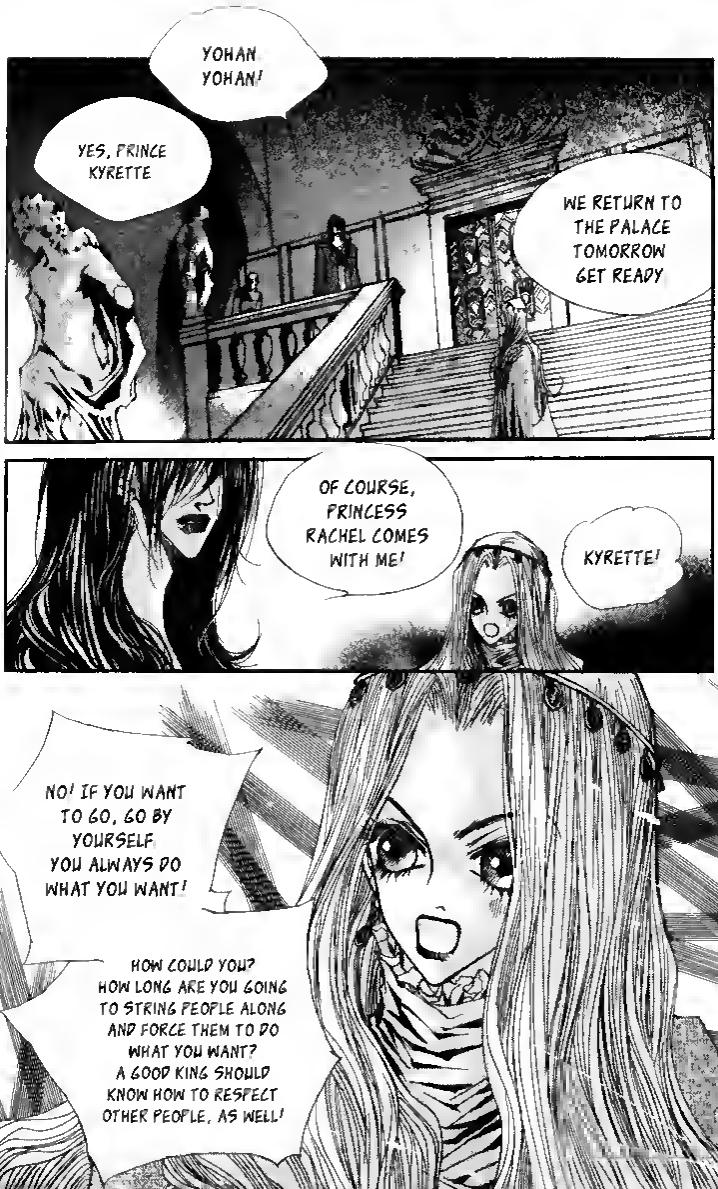
I'VE COME SO FAR TO SEE YOU, AFTER SO LONG
AND ALL I SEE IS YOUR NAKED BODY INTERTWINED WITH THAT MARRIED WOMAN!
OUCH, YOU PUNCHED ME
WHAT ARE YOU DOING! IS THAT ALL YOU DO, EVEN IN THIS COUNTRYSIDE?
NOT ONLY ARE YOU AFTER THE LADIES IN WAITING OF THE PALACE, NOW YOU HAVE TO SLEEP WITH THE MISTRESS OF THE CASTLE?
PRINCE KYRETTE, THIS ISN'T FUNNY!

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED.
K... KYRETTE?
I MISSED YOU, RACHEL...

CPWK
CPWK
WHERE ARE YOU SNEAKING OFF TO?
OH NO, SO YOU DID SEE ME I'M JUST GOING OUT FOR A WALK
THE AIR HERE IS SO REFRESHING DID YOU NOTICE? ESPECIALLY THE NIGHT AIR!
IT ALMOST MAKES ME WANT TO STAY HERE AND NOT GO BACK I THINK I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW YOU—
KYRETTE!
GO BACK TO THE PALACE RIGHT NOW.

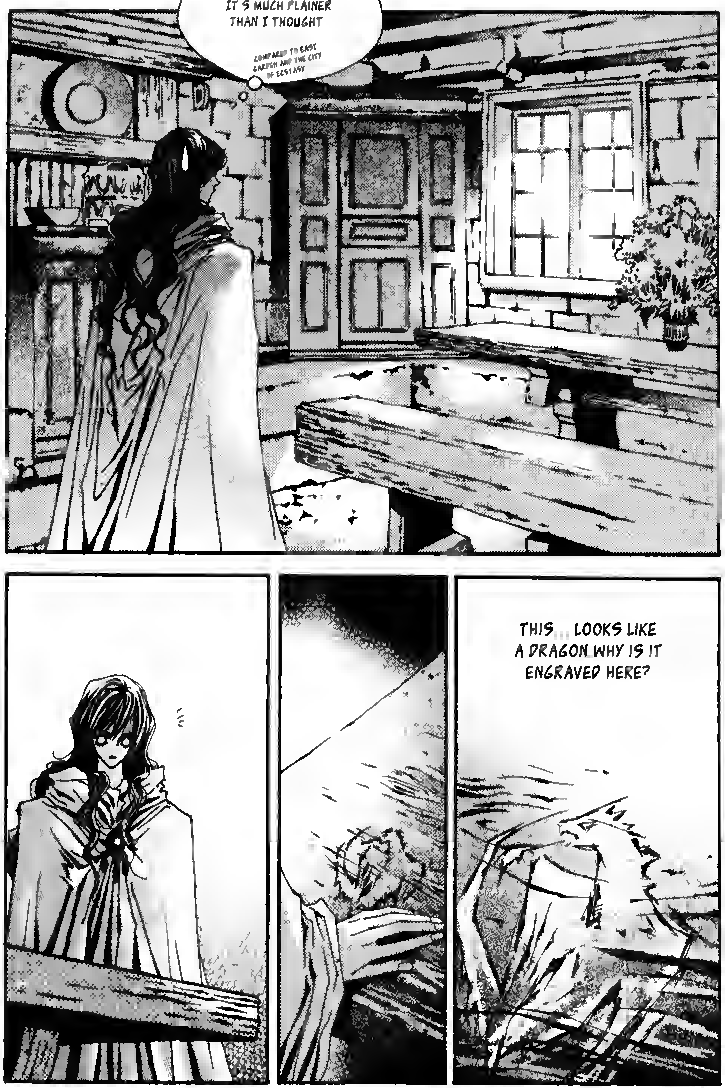

YOHAN
YOHAN!
YES, PRINCE KYRETTE
WE RETURN TO THE PALACE TOMORROW GET READY
OF COURSE, PRINCESS RACHEL COMES WITH ME!
KYRETTE!
NO! IF YOU WANT TO GO, GO BY YOURSELF YOU ALWAYS DO WHAT YOU WANT!
HOW COULD YOU? HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO STRING PEOPLE ALONG AND FORCE THEM TO DO WHAT YOU WANT? A GOOD KING SHOULD KNOW HOW TO RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE, AS WELL!

A KING?
YOU CAN LET THE DOGS EAT IT! OR MOTHER CAN BE THE NEXT QUEEN
IS IT... BECAUSE OF HIM?
WHAT?
THAT BAT-LIKE BOY WITH BLACK WINGS IS THAT MONSTER THE REASON YOU GO OUT AT NIGHT?
MY DEAR PRINCESS RACHEL WHEN THE QUEEN FINDS OUT, IT'LL GET VERY INTERESTING.
BEFORE HER DAUGHTER BEGS HER FOR PERMISSION TO MARRY THE BEAST

...SHE'LL CALL UPON ALL THE SORCERERS OF THE PALACE TO KILL HIM
BUT, SINCE I'M GOOD AT KEEPING SECRETS, I'M SURE THE QUEEN WON'T HEAR ABOUT THIS
BUT YOU NEVER KNOW... WHEN THE LIFE IN THE PALACE BECOMES BORING, I MIGHT WANT TO SEE SOME BLOOD
BLOOD OF A BAT, YOU KNOW
WHAT DO YOU THINK, RACHEL? AS LONG AS I'M BY YOUR SIDE, YOU'LL NEVER GET BORED, DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY?

HATE YOU...
I REALLY HATE YOU...
I REALLY HATE PEOPLE LIKE YOU!

THIS IS...
ELOAM?


IT'S MUCH FLAINER THAN I THOUGHT
I DON'T NEED TO SAVE CHEETOH AND THE CITY OF SEVILLE
THIS... LOOKS LIKE A DRAGON. WHY IS IT ENGRAVED HERE?

E-ENRIL!
OH MY GOD!
COME OUTSIDE
RIGHT NOW!
THIS PLACE...
FEELS VERY FAMILIAR.
I FEEL GOOD.
AS IF I HAVE RETURNED HOME
AFTER A LONG ABSENCE...
LOOK OVER
THERE!
T-THAT...

WE CAPTURED THE DRAGON!!

MY POWER...
BELONGS TO NOUS.

THIS POWER IS AS WISE AS
THE SILVER WHISKERS OF THE
PREDECESSOR DRAGONS
AND AS COLD AS THE LIGHT
OF THE BLUE BLADE

NOUS' POWER
HAS BEEN
SEALED.

BUT THE POWER HAS BEEN SEALED
AND I WAS LOCKED IN THE
STARK DARKNESS

HOW FOOLISH.
HOW FOOLISH...

THE BLACK BLOOD-
DRENCHED EARTH
WILL NO LONGER BE
YOUR PROTECTION.

HMMM... THEN HUMANS STARTED THE WAR FIRST? THEY DARED TO PROVOKE THE DRAGONS?
RIGHT, RIGHT THAT'S HOW IT WAS.
OF COURSE, THANKS TO THE WAR, WE PEOPLE OF THE DARK WERE ABLE TO GAIN POWER
WELL. SOMETIMES HUMANS ACT MORE LIKE CREATURES OF THE DARKNESS THAN WE DO.
MAYBE... AESHIMA. HUMANS AND US...
AND IT WAS A GOOD TIME TO EXPAND OUR TERRITORY ♡
!!!
GREEDY HUMANS THEIR STUPIDITY HAD DISABLED THE POWER OF NOUS, WHICH HAD PROTECTED THEM ALL ALONG
COULD WE HAVE ONCE BEEN THE SAME KIND? IN THE ANCIENT TIMES, I MEAN.

HA!
HA!
HA!
.....
IF YOU DEFILE MY EARS WITH STUPID JOKES...
...I WILL SWITCH YOUR FUR VEST WITH TOTO'S.
IT'LL TAKE A HUNDRED YEARS TO KNIT FOR TOTO
AESHIMA IS A SADIST
LET'S GET BACK TO OUR STORY SO WHAT IS "THE PACT OF DARKNESS"?
I'VE HEARD THAT THERE WAS A PACT BETWEEN US AND THE HUMANS.

I'M GETTING CONFUSED ABOUT THAT.
I CAN'T IMAGINE THERE BEING A FACT WHEN I LOOK AT THE CURRENT SITUATION.
DID THE FACT . REALLY EXIST?
OF COURSE NOUS' POWER WAS SUBDUED ONLY BECAUSE OF THE FACT OF DARKNESS
WITHOUT THE FACT, HUMANS COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH MORE BRILLIANT THEY WERE BACK THEN THAN NOW.
AND OF COURSE THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FACT WAS...
...THAT WE COULD ALWAYS STAB EACH OTHERS' BACK, WHEN NEEDED

A PACT IS FORMED BASED ON NEEDS
SHAKING HANDS WITH WHAT PROFITS US THE MOST, THAT IS THE DRIVING FORCE OF WAR WE WERE A LITTLE QUICKER AT STABBING, THAT'S ALL
BETRAYAL...!
IT ALL BEGAN WITH THE HUMAN PRIDE THAT TURNED DRAGONS INTO AN OBJECT OF ATTACK
ONCE WE HAD MADE THE HUMANS OUR SLAVES
RIGHT AFTER THE FIRST WAR

THE FIRST WAR OF BLACK BLOOD ENDED WITH THE HUMANS' DEFEAT
THEY THEMSELVES DENIED THE POWER OF NOUS
AND THOSE WHO WOULD PROTECT THE HUMANS FROM WAR HAD ALL LEFT BY THEN
THEIR DRAGON'S FURY ALLOWED US TO RULE OVER THE HUMANS

HMM---THAT WAS THE HIGH POINT OF OUR CLAN
HOW DID WE END UP HERE?
ULTIMATELY WE WERE KICKED OUT INTO THE UNDERGROUND WORLD.
Ahhh
K KICKED OUT?
IF IT WASN'T FOR THAT ANOMALY!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, KICKED OUT!
WE HAVE NOT BEEN KICKED OUT, WE'RE JUST AT A TRUCE!!
YOU'RE LOOKING UGLY, AESHIMA

IF I MEET HIM AGAIN, I WILL RIP HIM APART WITH MY SHARPER-THAN-SWORD NAILS
IF HE KNITS LOOKING LIKE THAT ... THAT'S GONNA BE SOME SIGHT
I WILL REPAY THE DISGRACE OF THAT DAY!!
AN ANOMALY...
CONTINUES TO RAGE
DOES HE HAVE A HORN IN HIS BACK OR SOMETHING? HA

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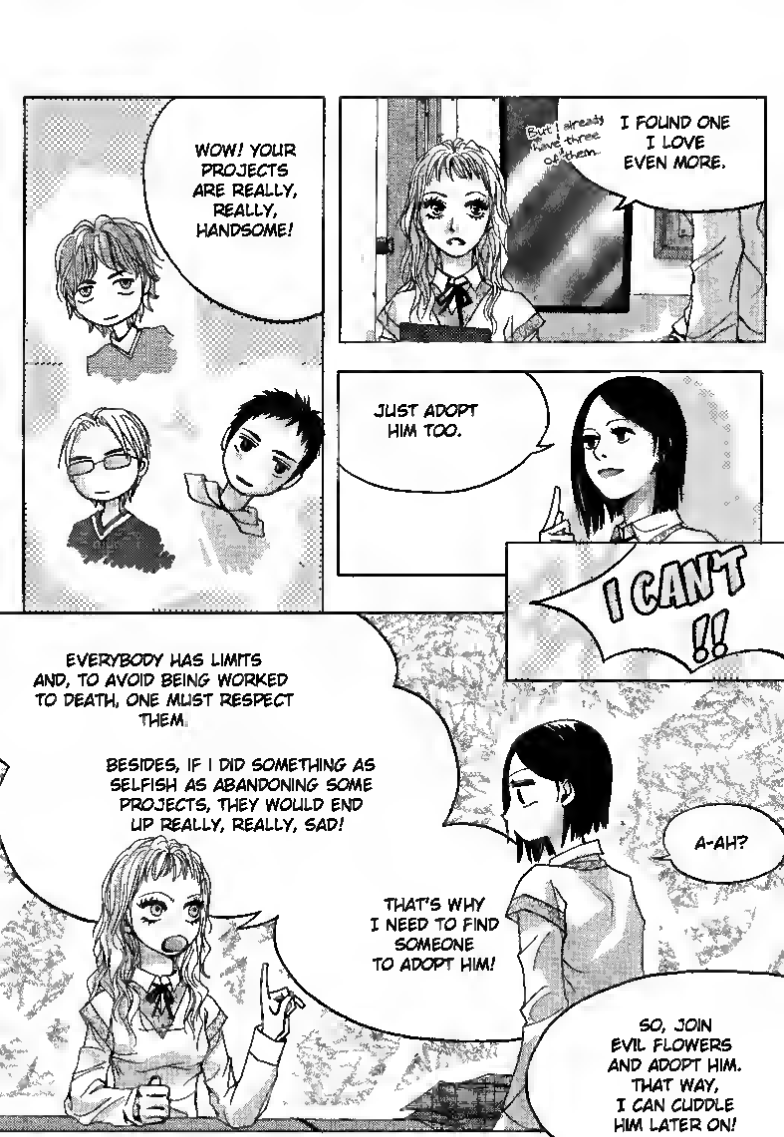
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HA IF AESHIMA SEES ME IN THIS STATE, HE'LL TRY TO KILL LORD KYRETTE AND HIM
HOW LONG CAN I AVOID AESHIMA?
ANOMALY...
I HAVE MET MANY PEOPLE HERE AS I SEARCHED FOR YOU
BUT THE ONE I MET FIRST... SHE'S NOT LONGER HERE

RACHEL...
I MISS YOU.
HERE IS ANOTHER CHANCE
SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE WE, THE CREATURES OF THE PARK, FLED TO THE UNDERWORLD
IN THAT LONG ERA, THERE IS ONE WINDOW OF TIME WHERE WE CAN GO INTO THEIR WORLD. EVERY HUNDRED YEARS

BEFORE THE PACT BETWEEN THE ANOMALY AND THE DRAGON IS RENEWED ON ITS HUNDRED-YEAR BASIS...
...LET'S RID THE LAND OF HUMANS—!!

HERE'S THAT NARROW OPPORTUNITY!
NOW, WHEN THE POWER HAS BEGUN ITS DISINTEGRATION!

THE POWER OF... NOUS.
WHAT? WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY, ENRIL?
WHAT ABOUT THE POWER?
THE WAR HAS BEGUN.

AS SOON AS HE WAS SEALED,
THE WAR HAD BEGUN
THE WAR OF BLACK BLOOD

NO . . NOT YET. THE SEAL HASN'T COMPLETELY BROKEN. BUT THE CRYSTAL IS BREAKING AT A FASTER RATE.
AT THIS RATE, THE SEAL WILL BE BROKEN SOONER, MUCH SOONER, THAN THE ONE HAD ANTICIPATED
IF SO, THIS INCREASED RATE OF BREAKING MAY NOT BE FAVORABLE
IN SOME WAYS, THE BREAKING OF THE SEAL MAY BE BETTER FOR THIS COUNTRY AND THE HUMAN REALM. BUT THERE MUST BE A REASON WHY THE ONE HAD SEALED ITSELF
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AND THE MOVEMENT OF THE AIR FEELS UNSAFE... IT'S TOO QUIET.
THE SNOW THAT WAS FALLING AS IF IT WOULD ENGULF THE WORLD HAS ABRUPTLY STOPPED THE DEMON RACE HAS ALL DISAPPEARED
LIKE THE PERIOD OF PEACE BEFORE THE PERIOD OF TRANSITION, THE WORLD IS QUIET

I'M AFRAID OF THIS QUIET.

IT IS AS IF WE WERE LOCKED IN THE EYE OF THE STORM...

THE AIR STILL REEKS AS MUCH AS EVER.
IS MY LORD NEO DOING WELL? ♡

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BUBA
YOU MUST HAVE EATEN SOMETHING STRANGE AGAIN WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW US?
AND YOUR HAIR'S SUDDENLY LONGER
T-THAT'S NOT IT SHE'S SAYING WEIRD THINGS THIS TIME
LAST TIME YOU WENT INTO THAT FAKE SORCERER'S HOUSE AND TOOK SOME MEDICINE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO TURN YOU INTO A MAN. REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED? YOU LIVED IN THE BATHROOM FOR A WEEK
BUBA
I FEEL LIKE THEY'RE TREATING ME LIKE A PSYCHO
SHE SAID IN THIS DEEP VOICE THAT THERE WILL BE A WAR. IT SOUNDED REALLY SERIOUS!

BE QUIET, NIKO! DO YOU REALLY WANT THERE TO BE A WAR?
THE VILLAGE IS DISTURBED AS IT IS, WHAT WITH THE DRAGON STORY
MY LEGS ARE STILL SHAKING I REALLY DIDN'T EXPECT A DRAGON TO BE LIVING IN OUR VILLAGE I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A MYTH
LIKE ENRIL SAID, IN THIS SMALL VILLAGE...
ENRIL! GO FETCH SOME WATER. WE NEED TO EAT DINNER.
DON'T YOU DARE SAY YOU'VE FORGOTTEN HOW TO MAKE SOUP!
.....
OH, SURE.

SO THIS ISN'T ELOAM THEN WHERE AM I?
ENRIL IS JUST A NAME I MADE UP.
BUT THOSE PEOPLE THINK I'M THE ENRIL THEY KNOW.
MEANING SOMEONE NAMED ENRIL REALLY EXISTS?
SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE ME AS WELL.
DID I REALLY SAY THERE WILL BE A WAR IN A LOW DEEP VOICE?
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Y-YES! HAVE YOU REALLY GONE MAD? HOW COULD YOU SAY YOU DON'T KNOW US!
YOUR BEST FRIEND, YOUR SISTER LUNA, AND GINA TOO!

DID YOU REALLY SNEAK INTO THE FAKE SORCERER'S HOUSE AND GET MORE OF HIS STUFF?
WHAT KIND OF PERSON WAS THIS ENRIL?
BACK THEN, EVEN THOUGH YOU HAD TO LIVE IN THE BATHROOM, YOU WERE STILL FINE MENTALLY!
BLEP!
BLEP!
BLURP!
SHE'S TRULY ENRIL. ONLY ENRIL CAN CREATE THIS WEIRD FLAVOR.
THUMP
HONESTLY I'M NOT ENRIL, I'M INEZ—
YEAH, I CAN'T COOK!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? COME AND EAT.

AS LONG AS IT TASTES GOOD TO YOU, THAT'S ALL WE NEED STRANGELY, GINA LIKES YOUR WEIRD-TASTING SOUP BETTER THAN ANYTHING ELSE.
SEE, EVEN IF YOU CAN'T REMEMBER, YOU'RE DEFINITELY OUR ENRIL
UGH—SHE HAS TO BE ENRIL
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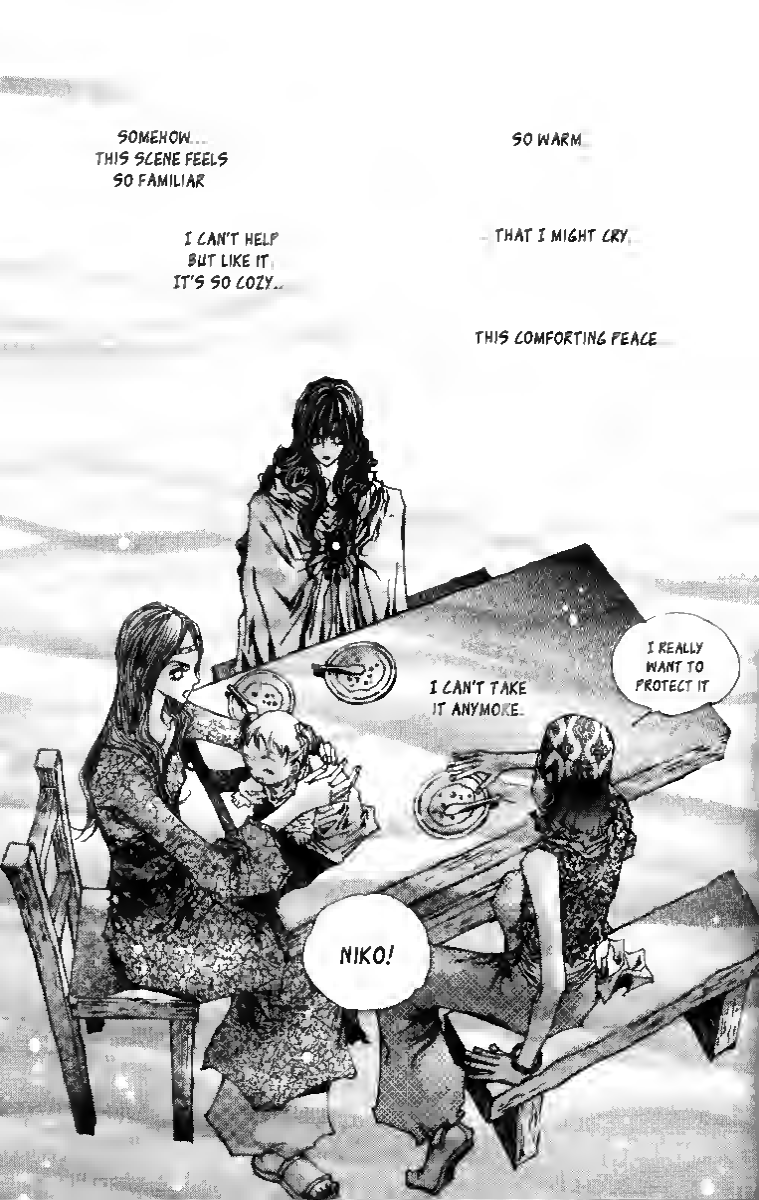
ENRIL, THE SOUP'S GETTING COLD ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE US EAT YOUR WEIRD SOUP BY OURSELVES?


SOMEHOW...
THIS SCENE FEELS
SO FAMILIAR
I CAN'T HELP
BUT LIKE IT.
IT'S SO COZY..
SO WARM..
THAT I MIGHT CRY.
THIS COMFORTING PEACE..
I CAN'T TAKE
IT ANYMORE.
I REALLY
WANT TO
PROTECT IT
NIKO!

GINA SEEMS REALLY HAPPY TODAY.
SHE GURGLED A LOT AND SHOWERED ME WITH LAUGHTER. ♡
I WANTED TO PROTECT IT.
YOU KNOW, LUNA THAT DRAGON BUSINESS STILL BUGS ME
I'M NOT SURE BUT I THINK HUNTING DOWN A DRAGON BRINGS BAD LUCK ACTUALLY, THE DRAGON THAT WAS CAPTURED TODAY...
I WANTED TO PROTECT THEM.
I THINK IT'S THE SAME DRAGON THAT ENRIL SAW THE OTHER DAY.

BECAUSE... I DIDN'T HAVE IT.
BUT I COULDN'T.
LUNA, NIKO, AND...
...GINA.
I DIDN'T HAVE THE POWER TO PROTECT THEM.
WAR DOESN'T PROTECT THOSE WITHOUT POWER.

WAR IS ONLY FOR
WHO HAVE POWER.
SO THE ONLY THING THE
POWERLESS DO WAS...
...TO DIE, ONE BY ONE.
THAT'S ALL WE COULD DO.
HUMANS' OWN GREED
BROUGHT ABOUT
THEIR DOWNFALL.
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EH_? HOW STRANGE WHY AM I CRYING?
MY HEART FEELS TIGHT AND I JUST WANT TO CRY...
NIKO, LIKE YOU SAID, I MUST BE LOSING MY MIND
SHALL WE GO TO THAT FAKE SORCERER'S HOUSE? MAYBE HE'LL HAVE MEDICINE TO BRING MY MEMORY BACK
WHO KNOWS..
WHAT ON EARTH .?

WHERE AM I!!
JUST TAKE ME TO ELOAM!
OH! THIS COULD BE ELOAM. I SHOULD LOOK FOR SOME LANDMARK.
WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO KYRETTE? DID HE WANDER OFF TO A STRANGE PLACE LIKE I DID?
NO MATTER WHAT, I NEED TO GET TO ELOAM YULAN WILL BE WAITING.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THE REASON I FIRST TRIED TO GET TO ELOAM WAS TO GET THE FLUTE THAT NEVER KOTS.
BUT YULAN ALWAYS SAID THAT'S JUST AN EXCUSE. AN EXCUSE...?

IF WHAT YULAN SAID WAS TRUE, WHY AM I TRYING TO GET TO ELOAM?
THESE DAYS I FEEL LIKE I DON'T EVEN KNOW MY OWN SELF
AS I CONTINUE ON MY JOURNEY, I FIND MORE THINGS THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND. NOTHING EVER GETS CLEARER.
WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO TAKE THE HEART'S BLOOD, WHY DOES YULAN KEEP MENTIONING THE AWAKENING, AND WHO IS THIS ENRIL?
OH, WATER!
THE DRAGON, THE SEAL, THE WAR. I FEEL LIKE MY BRAIN IS FILLED WITH ALL THESE THINGS THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I WISH SOMEONE ELSE..
HOW COOL. TASTES SWEET.

...WOULD STEP INTO MY PLACE AND UNRAVEL ALL THE MYSTERIES.
TAT
IT'S A PERSON?

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IT STILL LOOKS DIRTY AFTER WASHING—
WHERE DID HE FIND CLOTHES LIKE THIS?
IT'S LUCKY IT WAS ALREADY SOAKED IN WATER, IT WAS SO DIRTY.
WHAT HAPPENED IN ELOAM?
DID THAT BLUE-HAIRED ELF REALLY MAKE YOU A SLAVE?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE AN ESCAPED SLAVE.
EITHER WAY...
...I'M GLAD I FOUND YOU, YULAN.

HIS HAIR HAS GROWN LONGER AND HE'S SO THIN.
I DIDN'T THINK WE WERE APART FOR LONG, BUT RIGHT NOW, YULAN LOOKS SO DIFFERENT
I ACTUALLY REGRET COMING HERE MAYBE I SHOULD NEVER HAVE COME.
YULAN DIDN'T WANT TO GO INTO THE LAND OF ELVES BUT IT WAS ME WHO INSISTED
I'M SORRY, YULAN... AND THANKS FOR COMING BACK TO ME...

Shff

OH... YULAN, YOU'RE AWAKE... THANK GOD...
JUST BEAR IT THROUGH TONIGHT IT'S BETTER THAN WEARING A WET CLOAK.
WHO ARE YOU?
WHO AM I? I'M ENRIL... N-NO.
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HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
INEZ...

WHO... AM I?
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO FOLLOW ME? I DON'T KNOW YOU.
IT'S ME, INEZ
WHO AM I?
HOW COULD YOU NOT KNOW ME?
YULAN! IT'S ME, INEZ! SINCE ELOAM, NO, EVER SINCE SUARE, WE'VE BEEN TRAVELING TOGETHER
HOW COULD YOU NOT KNOW ME? YOU LED THE WAY AND PROTECTED ME

PROTECT?
HOW COULD AN ESCAPED SLAVE PROTECT ANYONE? STOP JOKING.
I... CAN'T BELIEVE THIS
AND WHAT'S SUARE? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAME TO KNOW MY NAME, BUT—
THEN WHO IS THIS YULAN STANDING IN FRONT OF ME?
—STOP PESTERING ME AND GET LOST.

HEY... YULAN. CAN I GET A LITTLE CLOSER TO THE FIRE?
TONIGHT SEEMS ESPECIALLY COLD
SHE JUST MOVES IN
OH—HOW WARM. I SUCK AT MAKING FIRE. THAT'S WHY THERE WAS NO FIRE YESTERDAY
I FELT SO FRUSTRATED BECAUSE I KNEW YOU WERE SOAKED AND I COULDN'T EVEN MAKE YOU FEEL WARM
I FELT SO STUPID NOW THAT I THINK BACK, I THINK I RELIED ON YOU A LOT

I SHOULDN'T HAVE LIT A FIRE.
WHAT?
THE FIRE'S ATTRACTING DIRTY FLIES
DIRTY FLY...
GET BEHIND ME, QUICK!

YOUR MAJESTY
LEAVE ME.

I WANT TO ASK YOU A FAVOR IT'LL BE MY FIRST AND MY LAST...
I'M ASKING YOU AS YOUR SON.
TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT, PRINCE
I WILL REVIVE HER.
WHETHER THAT REQUIRES ME TO STEAL MAGIC, OR SOME FORCE... EVEN STRONGER THAN THAT, I WILL, I WILL...
PLEASE DON'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO RACHEL'S BODY.
...REVIVE RACHEL.

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AND...
I WILL TELL HER.
I, WHO MADE YOU DIE...
I, WHO FORCED YOU TO DIE...
DON'T EVER FORGIVE ME.

I PROMISE YOU, RACHEL.
I WILL BRING YOU BACK.
THE LIGHT YOU HAVE LOST BECAUSE OF ME... I WILL GET IT BACK FOR YOU.
THE FLOWER HAS WITHERED
I PROMISE...
IT WITHERED EVEN BEFORE IT BLOOMED
IT WITHERED BECAUSE OF ME

WITH... MY OWN HANDS...
I KILLED THE FLOWER
THE SCENT OF ROTTING BLOOD
I SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE A FIRE
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MY HEART...
SO GET LOST!!
IF YOU WANT MY HEART, PLEASE REMEMBER THE MEMORIES YOU HAD WITH ME FIRST.

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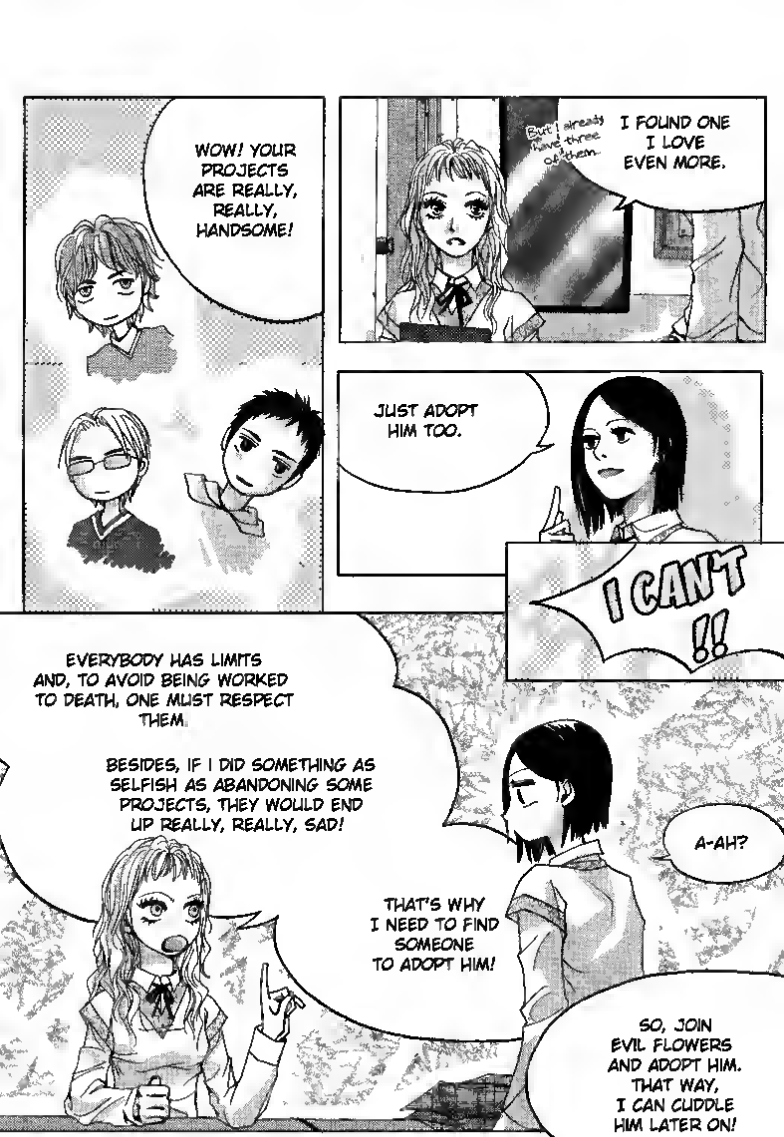
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ARCANA

FLAP
GIVE ME YOUR ARM, YULAN.
STOP IT DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT 'GET LOST' MEANS?
STOP PESTERING ME AND GET LOST!
GIVE ME YOUR ARM.
ARE YOU DEAF?! I DON'T NEED IT. SO JUST GO AWAY!
YOU'RE STILL BLEEDING. WE NEED TO STOP IT SOON.
I'LL DO AS YOU WISH AFTER I STOP YOUR BLEEDING! SO GIVE ME YOUR ARM, YULAN.

OKAY, THEN I'LL GET LOST
YULAN!
TAO
IF YOU WON'T EVEN LET ME DO THAT, I..
BUT ALL I CAN DO IS JUST WRAP A BANDAGE AROUND YOUR WOUND.
YOU'RE WOUNDED BECAUSE OF ME. IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF ME.
IT'S BECAUSE OF ME. YOU LIT A FIRE BECAUSE I WAS SHIVERING FROM THE COLD. THAT'S WHY THE BEASTS SHOWED UP.
I JUST WANT TO BANDAGE YOUR WOUND. I WON'T BUG YOU ANYMORE.

YOU'RE HURTING ME.
HUH?
I'M SORRY!
SORRY!
IT WASN'T ON PURPOSE!
.....
DO YOU REALIZE WHERE YOU'RE TOUCHING RIGHT NOW? I'M BLEEDING MORE BECAUSE OF YOU
OH.
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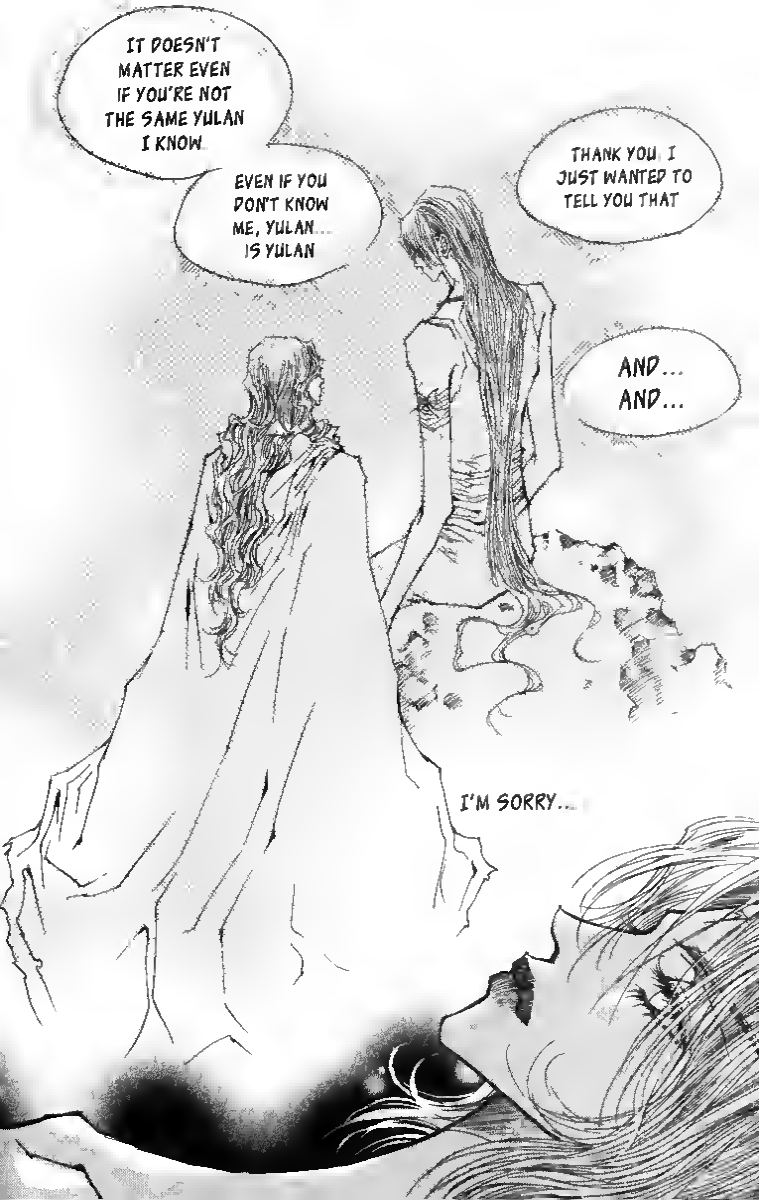
THANK YOU, YULAN.


IT DOESN'T MATTER EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT THE SAME YULAN I KNOW
EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW ME, YULAN... IS YULAN
THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT
AND... AND...
I'M SORRY...

I... MUST HAVE PASSED OUT AGAIN THAT WILL REPEAT AS LONG AS I'M HERE
IF THAT WAS NOT AN ILLUSION, BUT A REAL ENCOUNTER...
WHY DID I REMEMBER THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
IT HAPPENED SO LONG AGO. I CAN'T EVEN DISTINGUISH WHETHER IT WAS A DREAM OR REAL
WHY WAS IT INEZ, AND NOT ENRIL?

MY FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH YOU, WAS IT WITH INEZ OF THE DISTANT FUTURE?
MAYBE I'VE CIRCLED AROUND ALL THIS TIME TO FIND OUT THE MEANING OF THAT
AND MY CERTAINTY THAT YOU ARE IN THE FORM OF A WOMAN BECAUSE THAT WAS WHAT ZEYER WISHED, IS PERHAPS BASED ON THAT ENCOUNTER...
WHAT DOES IT MEAN, YOUR COMING TO ME AS INEZ AND NOT AS ENRIL? ONLY YOU WOULD KNOW, ENRIL... OR INEZ?
SHE'S NAVIGATING THE LABYRINTH OF MEMORIES

I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT'LL TAKE HER, BUT BY THE TIME SHE GETS HERE, SHE'LL HAVE AT LEAST PARTIALLY AWAKENED
I REALLY DON'T HAVE TO AWAKEN HER LIKE THIS, BUT EVEN IF DESTINY HAS ALREADY BEEN CHOSEN
I CAN'T DELAY THE TIME OF SELECTION ANY LONGER
ALREADY BEEN CHOSEN? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
.....
I'M SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU. I THOUGHT YOU WOULD KNOW BEFORE ANYONE ELSE.
THE FACT THAT THE ONE SELECTED THE FORM OF A WOMAN MEANS THAT SHE HAS ALREADY CHOSEN. DON'T TELL ME YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

RIGHT NOW, INEZ IS IN THE FORM OF AN INNOCENT HUMAN BEFORE SHE GAINS FULL POWER.
I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHY SHE HAS GONE BACK TO THAT FORM BUT...
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
THERE IS A HIGH POSSIBILITY OF HER SELECTING DIFFERENTLY THAN BEFORE.
IN THE FORM OF OLD ENRIL?
IN THE FORM OF AN INNOCENT HUMAN.
IF SHE SELECTS DIFFERENTLY... WE WON'T BE ABLE TO AVOID IT, EITHER.

THEN... THE CURRENT INEZ IS ENRIL'S ORIGINAL FORM?
THE FORM FROM ENRIL'S PAST THAT I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT?
I'M SURPRISED. I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DIDN'T KNOW. ENRIL MUST HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE PAST.
IF ENRIL DIDN'T, THERE MUST HAVE BEEN NO NEED. NOTHING WOULD CHANGE EVEN IF YOU KNEW THE PAST FORM. THAT IS, UP UNTIL NOW.
AS I SAID, IF ENRIL SELECTS DIFFERENTLY IN THE CURRENT FORM, THERE WILL BE A LOT OF PROBLEMS.
ENRIL'S PAST FORM IS INEZ?
FOR ME, AND FOR YOU TOO, YULAN.

OF COURSE, WAR IS A GIVEN.
ALSO, ALL CONTRACTS END.
ALL THE PACTS OF POWER MADE SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS AGO ON THAT DAY, WILL ALL END.
INEZ'S MESSAGE THAT TRAVELED ACROSS TIME.

...BACK TO WHERE IT STARTED?
REMEMBER HER MESSAGE.
INEZ'S MESSAGE.
IS THE END OF ALL CONTRACTS WHAT SHE REALLY WANTS OUT OF THIS TRIP?
REMEMBER..
TO PUT EVERYTHING..
REMEMBER

YULAN, THANK YOU. AND...
I'M SORRY...
I WAS ALWAYS SORRY. SO... THIS TIME I'M GOING TO TRY NOT TO BE SORRY.
THIS TIME, MY SELECTION WILL BE... YULAN...
FOR YULAN...

SO YOU REALLY ARE CRAZY
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YULAN?
I WAS ZONED OUT AGAIN, DID I SAY WEIRD THINGS THIS TIME?
YOU DID WHAT YOU WANTED, SO GO AWAY
I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO LISTEN TO YOUR GIBBERISH
GUESS I DID
WHAT I WANT IS FOR YOU TO GET AWAY FROM ME RIGHT NOW

HA HA! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, YULAN.
.....
MISSING A FEW MEALS WON'T KILL ME. JUST IGNORE ME AND KEEP GOING THE WAY YOU WERE GOING
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I THINK I HAVEN'T EATEN FOR FEW DAYS. GOSH, EVEN WALKING IS HARD...
THIRD ENCOUNTER, A PLANNED COINCIDENCE
OH.. YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GET ME THIS MANY
THE FRUIT WAS UP SO HIGH. YOU KNOW YOUR ARM HASN'T EVEN HEALED. I'M SO SORRY—
DAMN!
NOW AMAZING THAT OUR PATHS ARE EXACTLY THE SAME. I KEEP RUNNING INTO YOU
KYRETTE USED THIS TACTIC.
I'M SORRY, I PROMISED THAT I'D GO AWAY. HUH?

YOU MUST BE STARVED...
YOU TAKE A BITE TOO, YULAN.
I HAVE MY LIMITS.
STOP YOUR JOKES.
TO BE HONEST... I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET OUT OF HERE, YULAN.

I FEEL LIKE AN ABANDONED CHILD AND YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON I KNOW
I DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE. I WAS ALWAYS WITH GRANDPA, MONG, OR YULAN
I'M NOT USED TO BEING ALONE...
MOST OF ALL, I DON'T WANT TO BE APART FROM YOU, YULAN.
EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW ME, I DON'T WANT TO BE APART FROM YOU.

I DON'T WANT TO BE...
...APART FROM YOU ANYMORE...
GAL
WHO IS IT?!

I HAVE COME FOR HER.

I HAVE COME TO GET HER.
HERE'S WHERE INEZ AND YULAN OF THE PAST END THEIR ENCOUNTER
SHE CURRENTLY BELONGS TO MY TIME, NOT YOURS.

...YULAN HAS GONE INTO THE LABYRINTH OF MEMORIES YOU SAID?
YES, LORD SEIDE.
tat

PREIA.
SEIDE!
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?!
W... WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY? LABYRINTH OF MEMORIES?
YULAN HAS ENTERED THE LABYRINTH OF MEMORIES!
SEIDE, YOU NEVER... WELCOMED HIS COMING HERE.
NO, YOU COULDN'T

JUST BECAUSE HE REMINDS YOU OF YOUR COWARDICE
YOU KNEW YOU KNEW HE CANNOT BE KILLED EASILY
SO YOU DECIDED TO LET THE CHILD GO, AS IF YOU WERE BEING MERCIFUL AND YOU ALSO KNEW THIS
THAT YOU COULD ALWAYS CONTROL HIM USING ME AS BAIT.
YOU MUST HAVE SAID THIS

THERE IS A WAY TO REVIVE YOUR DEAD MOTHER.
IN ORDER TO DO THAT, I NEED YOUR SACRIFICE.

HE'S TRYING TO END THE CONTRACT
HE'S TRYING TO END ALL THE PACTS OF POWER WE'VE UPHELD FOR SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS
BUT EVEN IF THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME WERE TO PASS AGAIN, YOU STILL WOULDN'T LET ME IN AS ALWAYS
YOU WOULD SAY THAT A LIFE GAINED OVER YOUR SON'S SACRIFICE COULDN'T BE A HAPPY ONE
SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS... AND IT WASN'T ENOUGH TIME TO WIN YOUR HEART
BUT, EVEN IF YOU ARE FROZEN SO COLD... I'M STILL THANKFUL THAT YOU ARE BY MY SIDE.

LIKE YOU SAID, I WAS SELFISH AND COWARDLY.
FOR MY OWN GAIN... I SACRIFICED A CLAN
I WILL FORM A PACT.
THIS PACT WILL REQUIRE A GREAT SACRIFICE OF MY PEOPLE.
IT ALSO MEANS THAT WE WILL PART WAYS WITH THE DRAGON CLAN.
BUT BECAUSE I HAVE SOMEONE WHO'S FAR MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN THAT, I'M WILLING TO BE A SINNER.
I SACRIFICED YULAN FOR MYSELF.

TO REGAIN YOU, I HAD TO BECOME A COWARD...
MY SORROW AT LOSING YOU WAS SO DEEP, NOTHING WAS ABLE TO SOOTHE ME. AND IT WAS THE ONLY CHANCE TO REGAIN YOU

SEIDE!
I DIDN'T REALIZE HE'D ENTER THE LABYRINTH OF MEMORIES
THAT WASN'T MY INTENTION
HE, NO, I SHOULD SAY SHE NOW
IF SHE, THE ONLY SELECTOR, DISAPPEARS, THERE WILL BE NO END TO THE CONTRACT.
THE PACT WILL GAIN ANOTHER SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS OF TIME.
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE BEEN FROZEN, I STILL CAN'T LET YOU GO
I CAN'T LOSE YOU AGAIN

DON'T YOU TOUCH HER!
YOU GET AWAY FROM HER RIGHT NOW!
DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH A HAIR ON HER!

I WILL NOT LET SOMEONE I DON'T KNOW TAKE HER AWAY!
YOU CAME FOR HER? WHERE ARE YOU TAKING HER?
IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS. TO BE STARING INTO MY OWN FACE IS AN UNCOMFORTABLE FEELING
I...REMEMBER.

I WAS LONELY.
I WAS LONELY AT THAT TIME.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M YOU, FROM THE FUTURE. TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, YOU ARE MY PAST.
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.
JUDGING BY THE TIME, THIS MUST BE RIGHT AFTER YOU ESCAPED FROM EAST GARDEN.
AN UNDERGROUND DUNGEON WITHOUT A SINGLE RAY OF LIGHT WAS ACTUALLY PEACEFUL FOR YOU.
WHEN YOU WERE TOTALLY SURROUNDED BY LONELINESS, YOU DIDN'T NOTICE IT.
BUT AFTER YOU ESCAPED AND GAINED FREEDOM, THE LONELINESS THAT ACCOMPANIED IT WAS UNBEARABLE.
THAT'S... WHEN SHE CAME TO YOU.

SHE WAS FROM THE FUTURE, BUT THAT DIDN'T MATTER.
THE FACT THAT SHE WAS WITH ME WAS ALL THAT MATTERED.
I ACTED AS IF I WAS ANNOYED, BUT I WAS DRAWN TO HER.
BECAUSE SHE ALSO NEEDED ME.
BASED ON MY OBSERVATIONS, THIS MUST BE RIGHT AFTER INEZ SAID THIS—

I DON'T WANT TO BE APART FROM YULAN ANYMORE
I.. DO HAVE ONE THING I'M CURIOUS ABOUT
THERE IS SOMETHING THAT INEZ TOLD YOU

INEZ'S MESSAGE...
I HOPE THIS MESSAGE REACHES THE YULAN OF THE FUTURE.
PLEASE REMEMBER, YULAN
THIS TIME, MY SELECTION WILL BE...
WOULD YOU TELL ME THAT MESSAGE?

WHAT? IF YOU KNOW ABOUT MY LIFE LIKE YOU CLAIM, AND IF YOU KNOW MY HEART SO WELL, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT TOO...
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN! YOU'LL BE VERY SORRY WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR MEMORY?
HA, IF YOU ARE ME, MY PRIDE WOULDN'T HAVE LET ME ASK
IT MUST BE A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE? AND YOU FORGOT? HOW PATHETIC
WELL, SHE DID SAY SOME STRANGE THINGS SELECTING AND ALL
BUT IF YOU'RE REALLY ME, I GUESS...

DO YOU THINK I'LL TELL YOU THE MESSAGE?
STARING AT MY OWN TWISTED PERSONALITY IS UNCOMFORTABLE

YOU CAN DELETE THE ENCOUNTER WITH ME FROM YOUR MEMORY
BUT DON'T ERASE THE MESSAGE FROM INEZ
IT'S NOT IMPORTANT TO YOU NOW, BUT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO YOU IN THE FUTURE
DON'T TELL ME...

YOU DELIBERATELY ERASED THE MESSAGE FROM YOUR MEMORY?
SEEING MY TWISTED PERSONALITY, I WOULD BET ON IT!
HA-

SOMETHING'S STRANGE
I CAN'T SEE THE GATE
I'M GOING AROUND IN CIRCLES
WITHIN THE LABYRINTH OF MEMORIES, THERE ARE SEVERAL EXITS
BUT NOT HERE.
IT CAN MEAN ONLY ONE THING.

WHEN MEMORIES OF THE PAST ARE HOLDING A PIECE OF ONE'S HEART...
...THE [illegible] OF MEMORIES WILL [illegible] THE EXIT.
WHOSE MEMORY IS [illegible] WHOSE HEART?
MINE? OR YOURS...?

IN THIS PLACE
WHERE MEMORY
AND TIME ARE
UTTERLY WHITE...
WHAT MEMORY
ARE WE
REMEMBERING FOR?
WHAT MOMENT DO
YOU AND I WANT
TO SHARE?
...Z...

IN THIS PLACE WHERE TIME LENGTHENS AND PIECES OF MEMORIES ARE SCATTERED AROUND LIKE THE STARS IN THE SKY
HOW MANY DO YOU AND I SHARE?
INEZ...
WOULD YOU WANT TO SPEAK... FOR ME?
DO YOU WANT TO FIND THE PIECES OF MEMORY THAT YOU SHARE WITH ME?
INEZ.
I...
INEZ.

AS I HAVE COME FOR YOU
WAKE UP, INEZ!
NO IF YOU REMEMBER ANOTHER MOMENT—
IF YOU FALL INTO A MEMORY THAT I DON'T SHARE, I ..
WAKE UP!
INEZ!
I WILL LOSE YOU!
INEZ!

MMMM...
INEZ!
WAKE UP, INEZ!
SO... SLEEPY...
I WANT TO SLEEP A BIT MORE. I'LL GET UP AFTER I NAP A BIT.
NO.
NO.
LUNA...
YOU ARE DISAPPEARING INTO A MEMORY THAT I DON'T SHARE.

I...
...HAVE LOST YOU.

LOST YOU...
thump
...INTO SOME MEMORY
THAT I DON'T SHARE.
thump
thump

DAMN.
DAMN!
I WILL REVEAL THE IDENTITY OF THE DRAGON TODAY, FOR SURE!!
IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD TIE UP MY OWN HEART! HOW EMBARRASSING!
WILL I BE ABLE TO FIND YOU AGAIN?
HERE—! LET'S GO, ENRIL!!

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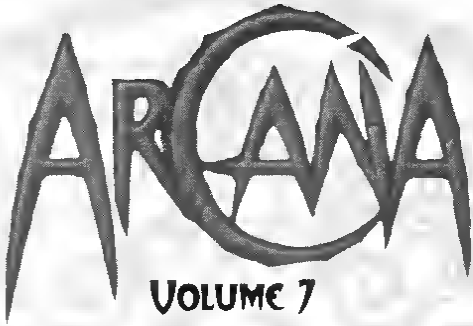

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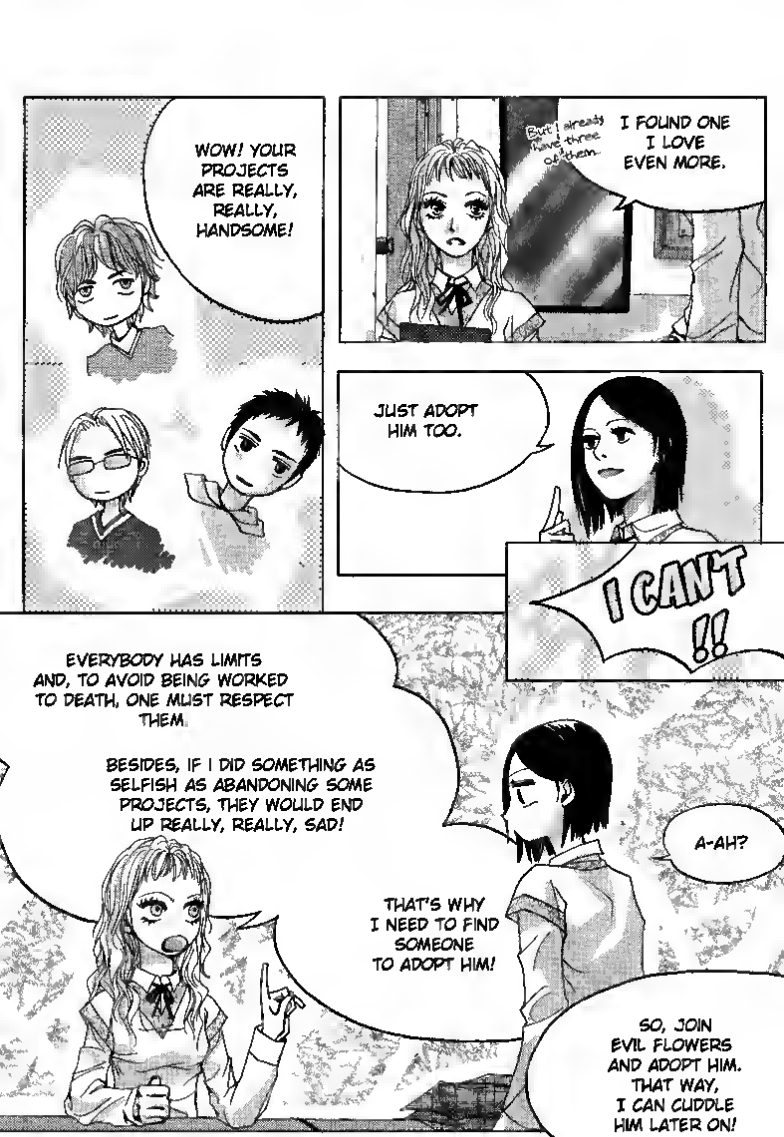
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